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SHOOT view!

ENGLAND'S defeat by Spain at Wembley last month illustrates again the problems facing a national team manager in a country where domestic League football reigns supreme.

Until the Football Association and the Football League show more concern for international football, our game will never flourish in world competition.

Picking an England team is a lottery for Ron Greenwood. He relies heavily on a tried and trusted squad whom he believes in and who believe in him.

His chances of fielding the players he wants are remote when so many are stricken by injuries in the "bread and butter" League games that now seem to dominate everything.

Is international prestige more important than the football coupon programme on Saturday afternoons? The answer is a firm YES.

Don Revie, much maligned in a controversial career in charge of England, did his utmost to get the football authorities to abandon the League programme when an England game was imminent.

His contention was that he needed the undivided attentions of the best players available if England were to stand any chance of winning World Cups.

They bowed to his wishes once, and then slipped back to the old routine.

Exciting

It has been proved over again in many sports that you cannot throw the best players together for a short duration and expect them to blend into an exciting, winning unit.

Players need time together. They need a break from League and Cup football to stay free of injury at important times in our international calendar.

England's walking wounded is almost a joke. What hope has Ron Greenwood of achieving his objectives when even club managers such as Bobby Robson are complaining there is too much football?

The risk of injury is one problem. Another is that players become horribly stale if they play too much football.

They tend to play like machines, doing the obvious rather than the unexpected. Everything is automatic and the entertainment value is lost for the gate-paying public as a result.

Until we limit our League and Cup football, England's run, run, run footballers will never give value for money or fulfil the rich promise Ron Greenwood believes they possess.

Nothing is sadder this season than the appalling injury problems England's captain Kevin Keegan has had to endure.

One cannot help thinking that if he had played less football in a highly active career, he would not need an MoT test every time he goes out to play.

F.A.Cup Semi-Finals... F.A.Cup Semi-Finals... F.A.

FROM the 475 clubs who entered the F.A. Cup we're now down to four — and it still isn't much easier to come up with the two who will walk out at Wembley on May 9th.

It may be less difficult than two years ago, when one Fifth Round tie had still to be resolved when the Semi-Final draw was made, but the ties this Saturday are so close in their own ways that you can put up a strong argument for all four teams winning.

Whatever happens in 1980/81,

Ipswich Town will surely be the team of the season... yet their injury list finally made itself felt last month.

Town have lost the entire defence from the side that won the Cup in 1978 — George Burley (reconstructed knee), Allan Hunter



where some indifferent results have had the manager seething. It's still a remarkable story, though — City actually touched rock bottom earlier this season, but they'll end it in a comfortable mid-table position — and possibly a place in the F.A. Cup Final.

So close are the two Semi's that they could both go to replays, which Ipswich need like even more injuries.

Take Spurs and Wolves. With respect to their defences, it's true to say their strengths lie in attack.

Andy Gray and John Richards... Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks... the sort of combinations that can cause havoc amongst any defence — especially each other's.

We all know it's the Year of the Cockerel and there are a lot of



WOLVES v. IPSWICH for Wembley

SPURS

Q.P.R. (a) 0-0, (h) 3-1,
Hull (h) 2-0
Coventry (h) 3-1
Exeter (h) 2-0

v

WOLVES

Stoke (a) 2-2, (h) 2-1
Watford (a) 1-1, 2-1
Wrexham (h) 3-1
M'boro (a) 1-1, (h) 3-1

This season: 2-2 (White Hart Lane)

IPSWICH

Villa (h) 1-0
Shrewsbury (a) 0-0, (h) 3-0
Charlton (h) 2-0
Forest (a) 3-3, (h) 1-0

v

MAN. CITY

Palace (h) 4-0
Norwich (h) 6-0
Peterborough (a) 1-0
Everton (a) 2-2, (h) 3-1

This season: 1-1 (Maine Road)

(cartilage), Kevin Beattie (assorted knee problems) and Mick Mills (dislocated shoulder).

It's meant that Bobby Robson has had to re-shape his back-four almost week-by-week and he must hope that skipper Mick Mills will be fit, so Osman and Butcher can return to their central defensive partnership that has been split up on occasions.

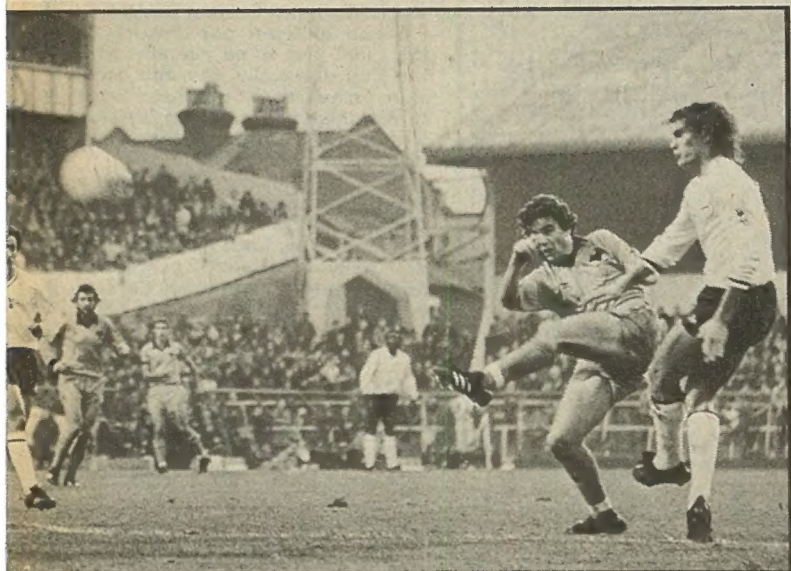
Ipswich may eventually be beaten by the system that penalises success — they face at least two games a week until the end of the season, maybe more.

Their opponents, Manchester City, were rather unlucky not to have faced West Ham in the League Cup Final. They dominated Liverpool over the two Semi-Finals, but couldn't overcome The Reds. To have to play Liverpool and Ipswich in the two Semi-Finals means City will reach Wembley the hard way.

The John Bond honeymoon is somewhat over in the League,



Cup Semi-Finals... F.A. Cup Sem



Hugh Atkinson (above) goes close for Wolves in the 2-2 League draw with Spurs. Ipswich's Arnold Muhren and Kenny Hibbitt of Wolves (left) could meet again at Wembley.



omens pointing in Spurs' favour. They've made a habit of winning honours when the year ends in a '1', yet whatever Wolves' shortcomings their record in Cup competitions under John Barnwell stands comparison with anyone's.

Saturday will be the 34th Cup-tie under Barnwell and Wolves have lost just five — to Arsenal, Watford, PSV and Cambridge (twice). Wolves broke their away duck at Leeds recently and their players beat Spurs in experience by a distance.

Keith Burkinshaw has been juggling his defence around this season and chances are he'll pick the team to face Wolves as a one-off, with a particular task in mind. Two men may be given the task of marking Gray and Richards, although Barnwell's ace may be Wayne Clarke in an attacking midfield role, playing as a 'false striker'.

Serious

Wolves haven't been beaten by Spurs since John Barnwell was appointed manager, and although the North London side are undoubtedly emerging from the shadow of their great rivals Arsenal, we reckon it may be another year before they are ready to mount a serious challenge for a major honour.

This game could quite easily end 0-0 or 3-3. Semi-Finals are invariably won by one moment of inspiration by an individual... or a tragic mistake.

In terms of match-winners Ipswich and Spurs have the edge. Experience? You can't match Wolves. The unexpected? Who'd have thought City would even be in the last four when Bond took over?

After a couple of replays, we'll go for Wolves and Ipswich to meet in the 100th F.A. Cup Final.

A massed Ipswich Town defence fails to stop this goal from Manchester City's Gerry Gow (left).



Scottish Cup Semi-Finals

CELTIC manager Billy McNeill smiles when praise is heaped upon his team after their dazzling displays this season, but he warns sternly: "Yes, we are in a good position in both the League and Cup, but, remember, we haven't won anything yet."

"The time for congratulatory slaps on the back will come when the Cups are safely in the Parkhead trophy room. We are taking nothing for granted. That is not Celtic's style and it never will be. "We still have it all to do. Players know this."

McNeill's men go on the trophy trail again on Saturday when they square up to Dundee United in the Semi-Final of the Scottish Cup and Hampden is certain to rock in its rusty foundations in what should be an epic 90 minutes.

Both teams possess players right in form, individuals blessed

excuses from me, they were the better team on the night."

A couple of weeks later the old foes met again at Tannadice in the League and this time Celtic won 3-0, just to show they had picked up a thing or two from their last encounter.

Now the scene is set for another thrilling showdown and SHOOT predicts Cup-holders Celtic will emerge as victors, although there will not be much in it.

While Celtic and United battle it out at Hampden, Rangers and Morton will be meeting in a head-on confrontation at Parkhead in the other Semi.

This game is absolutely crucial for the men from Ibrox. They had a barren season last time and there is an enormous weight on their shoulders to make certain such a disaster does not occur again.

The Cup is their last hope of

Another Old Firm Final

with talent and supreme skills.

Celtic have the likes of Roy Aitken, Tom McAdam, Davie Provan, Frank McGarvey, Charlie Nicholas, George McCluskey and Tommy Burns providing marvellous entertainment, while United reply with the brilliance of Paul Sturrock, Graeme Payne, Davie Dodds, Hamish McAlpine, David Narey, Ralph Milne, Eamonn Bannon and Paul Hegarty.

Hampden should be the setting for a fine match if both teams play to recent form, and attack will be the name of the game as they set about each other with great relish.

Earlier in the season Dundee United claimed the League Cup for the second successive season, and they beat Celtic in the Semi-Final on the way to the trophy.

Celtic were favourites to go through after drawing 1-1 in the first-leg at Tannadice, but they were overwhelmed 3-0 in the return at Parkhead and manager McNeill later conceded: "All praise to United... they really played well against us. There are no

success, but they will have to guard against desperation when they face vastly underrated Morton, who have already knocked out Champions Aberdeen.

Rangers' new goalkeeper Jim Stewart can hardly believe his luck. Last month he was languishing in the Middlesbrough reserves and now he finds himself only 180 minutes away from a Cup medal.

'Best'

"Yes, it is a bit difficult to take it all in, but I know how hard it will be to beat Morton," he says.

"They are a good team and we will have to be at our best to beat them."

Morton full-back Davie Hayes says bluntly: "We beat Rangers at Ibrox in the League this season and will not be afraid of them in this tie. I am sure we can win."

Rangers, however, are SHOOT's tip to get through to the Final and that, of course, would mean another Old Firm collision on the big day at Hampden on May 9th.



Glasgow rivals Rangers and Celtic are favourites to meet in the Scottish Cup Final once more.

SEMI-FINALS of the F.A. Cup have hardly been classic games over the years. There have been exceptions, of course, but generally the tension of the occasion has been reflected in the play of the four teams eager to appear in the showpiece of the season and anxious not to fall at the last hurdle before the Final.

In the early days Scottish and Irish teams were allowed to enter the F.A. Cup and the star turn of the contingent from outside England was the Glasgow club, Queen's Park.

In both 1872 and 1873, the first two seasons of Cup competition, they were deprived of a Final place only by lack of funds.

First, having drawn their Semi-Final with The Wanderers, they



The 1887 Aston Villa team.

Cup Semi-Finals in the 35 seasons since the last War, including Birmingham (four times), Southampton (twice) and Fulham (twice).

Seven of them got through to the Final and three actually won the Cup. Ironically, the one occasion on which Birmingham went to Wembley was as a First Division side in 1956, although they were also runners-up in 1931.

Only twice since 1946 has a Semi-Final comprised two teams outside the top 22. In 1964 Preston beat Swansea, both from the Second Division, 2-1 and 12 years later Southampton from the Second beat Crystal Palace from the Third by 2-0.

The two surprises of the



SEMI-FINAL SENSATIONS

could not afford to return to Kennington Oval for the replay (all Semi-Finals were staged in London until 1882) and a year later they beat Oxford University in the Semi-Final but were unable to travel South for the Final.

However, in 1884 and 1885, they won through to the Final only to be beaten on both occasions by Blackburn Rovers. In the former year the Scotsmen thrashed holders Blackburn Olympic 4-1 in the Semi-Final and 12 months later Nottingham Forest were their victims in the only Semi-Final played outside of England, Queen's Park winning the Edinburgh replay 3-0 after a 1-1 draw at Derby.

Forest were the first Northern Cup Semi-Finalists in 1879 and, in 1892, were one of 11 non-League teams to reach that stage before the First World War.

The others were Southampton (four times), Swindon (twice), Millwall (twice), Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs.

Hammered

Four of them, including Southampton twice, went on to the Final and one, Spurs in 1901, actually won the Cup.

The only other Scottish club to appear in an English Semi-Final was Glasgow Rangers, who went down 1-3 to Aston Villa in 1887.

To reach the 1901 Final Southern League Spurs hammered WBA, who were to finish bottom of the First Division that season, 4-0 and a year earlier there was an all-non-League Semi-Final in which Southampton beat Millwall.

Saints, also from the Southern League, featured in another unusual Semi-Final pairing in 1908, losing to Second Division Wolves, who went on to become the second Cup winners from that section.

Second Division Barnsley triumphed in Semi-Final replays

Appearances in F.A. Cup Semi-Finals and Finals

	Semi-Finals	Finals	Cup Winners	Post-War F.A. Cup Semi-Finalists	
Wolves	12	8	4	Tottenham	6
Man. City	9	7	4	Wolves	5
Tottenham	9	5	5	Man. City	3
Ipswich	2	1	1	Ipswich	2

both in 1910 and 1912, first over First Division Everton and, in the latter season, beating non-League Swindon.

The Wiltshire club had also appeared in the 1910 Semi-Finals, losing to First Division Newcastle. Sheffield Wednesday and Southampton, like Spurs, had to overcome First Division opposition to become non-League Finalists, beating Bolton and Nottingham Forest, who by then had joined the League, in 1890 and 1902 respectively.

Between the Wars, Chelsea could have become the first team to play a Final on their own ground had they not been knocked out in the 1920 Semi-Finals by Aston Villa, thus saving the F.A. some embarrassment. Cup Finals were then held at Stamford Bridge.

A decade later it took mighty Arsenal two Semi-Final matches to dispose of Hull City, who were on their way down to the Third Division at the time.

The following season, 1930-31, the two teams soon to be promoted to the First Division — WBA and Everton — contested one of the Semi-Finals, Albion going on to become the fourth Second Division Cup winners.

It was one of seven instances, in this 20 year period between hostilities, of two teams from outside the First Division appearing in the Semi-Finals in the same season. On five of the seven occasions the teams from the lower Leagues met in the last four.

In 1937 it took all the resilience of Sunderland to prevent Millwall becoming the first Third Division Finalists. The Londoners had already beaten three First Division sides, including those finishing first and fourth in the Championship, before their sensational run came to a halt, 1-2, in the Semi-Finals.

No less than 27 non-First Division teams have reached the F.A.

immediate post-War era were provided by Burnley and Leicester, both from the Second Division, who in 1947 and 1949 beat the teams who were to finish as League Champions in those two years — Liverpool and Portsmouth — in the Semi-Finals.

The three Third Division Semi-Finalists of the 1950's gave a good account of themselves before finally terminating their splendid sequences. In 1954 Port Vale led WBA before bowing out 1-2.

Eliminate

The following year York City took Newcastle to a replay, then went down 0-2 and, in 1959, it also took two matches for Luton to eliminate Third Division Norwich.

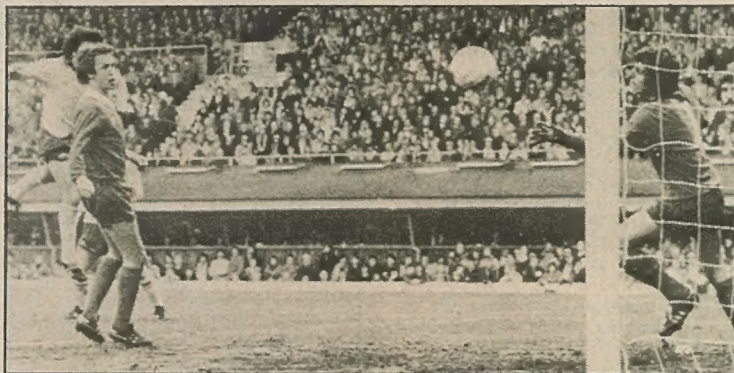
The other two Second Division Cup winners, apart from Southampton in 1976, had Semi-Final successes against First Division opposition. Sunderland beat Arsenal 2-1 in 1973 and last season West Ham edged Everton out by the same score in a replay.

Chelsea were Semi-Finalists in three consecutive years in the 1960's, losing to Liverpool and Sheffield Wednesday but beating Leeds in 1967.

There have been only eight 'same city' derbies in Semi-Final history, four of them involving Liverpool and Everton, the Manchester clubs meeting in 1926 and Arsenal emerging triumphant in all three London ones — against Chelsea in 1950 and 1952 and Orient in 1978.

Last season there was a tremendous Semi-Final scrap between Arsenal and Liverpool, The Gunners eventually forging a path to the Final 1-0 after four games. History had repeated itself, for Liverpool lost the only other Semi-Final to go to four matches by 0-1 to Sheffield United in 1899.

Eighty-one years separated those two ties but there were only 12 months between another Semi-Final 'repeat', Arsenal beating Stoke at that stage in the successive years of 1971 and 1972, both went to replays.



Arsenal's Brian Talbot heads the decisive goal in last season's prolonged Semi-Final against Liverpool.

'Scotland qualifying the 'wrong' way'

SCOTLAND can probably just about afford that dropped home point against Northern Ireland. Naturally we were disappointed at not winning the World Cup-tie at Hampden, but at the beginning of the campaign, had we sat down and planned our progress, we'd have settled for the six points we have at this stage.

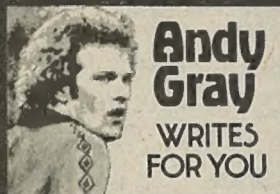
The ironic part is that in the planning four of the points would have come from our two home games. Instead, we've done the opposite, winning in Sweden and Israel.

Win your home games and draw your away matches — that's the accepted formula for qualification, so while we're off course, we're not really off target.

Our next two games are at home to the two weakest teams in the group, Israel and Sweden, and four points there would put us in the right mood for the run-in.

It's strange that in the past Scotland have been successful at home, yet struggled away. The change has come about because opponents now pay us far more respect at Hampden, packing their defence and playing for a point.

Under Jock Stein we have a new attitude to away fixtures and our



professionalism has seen us through in the two ties played so far on foreign soil.

What we must try to do is to overcome the sort of massed defence we encountered against Northern Ireland. All credit to the Irish, who worked extremely well for each other; what they may lack in individual skill they more than make up for in enthusiasm and spirit.

I believe we're capable of getting a good result in Belfast. Ireland's strength is their defence and they may find it more difficult to score at home. The goal they scored at Hampden was a disgrace from our point of view — even a Sunday team would have hanged its head in shame.

At this stage it's still any two from Scotland, Northern Ireland and Portugal. A lot of people are assuming Portugal will qualify, but I've not been over-impressed by them and I reserve judgment.

I was reasonably happy with the way I combined with Steve Archibald in our first full game

together. On paper it may appear not to have come off as neither of us scored.

But we came close with a few chances and I'd like to think we would progress if given the chance.

I didn't find out anything new about Steve that will help Wolves in this Saturday's F.A. Cup Semi-Final. Steve's strengths are well-known and I doubt if we'll be taken by surprise.

What I particularly like about Steve is his ability to control the ball, turn and shoot accurately all in one movement.

The game will, I believe, be decided by which team's strikers come off best. There can be no doubt both sides prefer to come forward rather than sit back. If our defence can hold Steve and Garth Crooks, not forgetting Glenn Hoddle, we have a chance. If Spurs can shackle John Richards, Wayne Clarke and myself we'll struggle.

Capabilities

John and I have taken a bit of a pounding recently from assistant manager Richie Barker, but it's nothing we can't handle. We know our capabilities and Saturday would be the ideal chance to show them.

I've noted that the Spurs defensive formation has been chopped and changed over the past few weeks. This is good from our point of view because they will go into the Semi-Final without a settled formation. On the other hand, Wolves' line-up has been fairly consistent, which must be an advantage.

Our opponents at Wembley will, I predict, be Ipswich Town. The Manchester City bubble seems to have burst just a little and I see John Bond has been using threats to lift his team.

I know Ipswich have a lot on their plate, but I think they'll be too strong for City, who may find it hard to lift themselves even for a Semi-

Final.

I've never experienced losing a Semi, but the lads who lost to Arsenal at Villa Park two years ago tell me they've never felt so low. They'd rather have lost in an earlier round than be so near yet so far from Wembley.

I have my eyes on two Wembley firsts next month — the F.A. Cup Final and playing against England. No one remembers the beaten Semi-Finalists or players who didn't quite make the international team, so you can bet I'll be doing all I can to achieve these goals.

Join me again in a fortnight when I'll be previewing the World Cup-tie against Israel.

Andy Gray



"I learnt nothing new about Steve Archibald (left) in Scotland's World Cup qualifier against Northern Ireland at Hampden."



ARSENAL QUEUE FOR PLATINI

ARSENAL are likely to head a host of European clubs clamouring for Michel Platini's signature when his contract with St-Etienne expires at the end of the season.

Platini (right), the midfielder player around whom France are pinning their World Cup hopes, is about to become the hottest property in the world.



RIOCH GOES WEST

BRUCE Rioch is now back in the United States playing with Seattle following a spell in the Fourth Division with Torquay United.

The former Aston Villa, Derby County and Everton player does not regret one minute of playing with Torquay.

The ex-Scottish international said: "I intend to go into soccer management when I quit playing so this was some fine experience."

"Being associated with such a club as Torquay gives you another insight into the game. There is no comparison between life in the Fourth Division to that in the First."

"The economy side of the game is so crucial and it has made me appreciate what it was like at Everton and Derby."

BRENDON Phillips, the 26-year-old Mansfield midfielder, is keen on a coaching career abroad once his playing days are over.

One thing, the Jamaican-born Phillips certainly knows his way around. Signed by Mansfield from Boston United last August, he has also had experience with Leicester, Peterborough, Kettering and Nuneaton.

He has won five caps for England as a semi-professional and is now hoping to help Mansfield to promotion this season.

ROVERS' FAITH IN COOPER

HUMBLE Bristol Rovers have set an example which bigger clubs might do well to follow.

Despite being bottom of the Second Division with the worst playing record of any club in the League they have offered manager Terry Cooper a new 12-month contract.

Explained chairman Graham Holmes: "We think Terry has had a difficult first season, but that he is rebuilding the club on the right lines."

"We accepted that these

things take time, and we wanted to be fair to him and the exciting young players he has brought into the team.

"I voted at the League chairman's meeting in favour of clubs being more patient with their managers, instead of swapping them every time they lose a game."

"Now Terry knows the amount of time he has got to get things right, and we have every confidence that he will do so."

MALCOLM MacDonald has recommended two of his Fulham players to Eire manager Eoin Hand. They are midfielders Sean O'Driscoll and Robert Wilson. With Craven Cottage 'keeper Gerry Peyton a regular in the Republic side, they certainly should be in good company.

Only 25, he has turned down massive offers to transfer his talents abroad.

Heading the queue for him will be Italian giants Inter Milan and Juventus, and West German clubs Bayern Munich and Hamburg.

Whether Arsenal would be prepared to pay the huge sum necessary to secure him is a matter of speculation. But if Arsenal are ever to achieve the world wide acclaim their fans demand, Terry Neill will have to make a major purchase in the transfer market.

Platini, French "Footballer of the Year" in 1976 and 1977 and a star at 21 by which time he had played a dozen games for France, has just the ability to revive Arsenal's rather sluggish and stereotyped midfield.



Brechin's bargain buy

FOR a fee of £15,000, Brechin City manager Doug Houston considers his club has obtained the bargain of the season by signing Dundee United's versatile reserve player Gerry Lesslie.

"He is a great prospect with lots of ability," says the Glebe Park boss. "In coming to Brechin, I am positive that the move will not only benefit our club, but will be very beneficial to Gerry himself."

Highly rated by Dundee United manager Jim McLean, Lesslie was only allowed to leave Tannadice at a bargain price because he had little chance of unseating club internationals David Narey and Paul Hegarty. Gerry considered his future

career would look brighter with another club, and because of his good service, United would not stand in his way and agreed to his move.

The £15,000 transfer fee is a record pay-out for Brechin City, who are hoping to win promotion into the First Division at the end of this season.

"No matter what happens," said manager Houston, "I am more than confident that we will be a much better side next season. Some changes may have to be made, but things are certainly looking good."

Brechin have further strengthened their ranks by signing former St Johnstone defender Danny Scullion on a short-term contract.

JOHN Carpenter, Ireland's top referee, will travel to the United States again this summer. He is the first European referee to be invited back for a second season in the NASL.

Last year John made headlines in America by sending-off fellow Irishman George Best. But he got an average of 87 per cent rating from the American League officials.

HOUGHTON'S A HIT

A troubled season has ended in great style for ex-policeman Keith Houghton at Carlisle.

The former Blyth Spartans star missed most of the Third Division club's fight against relegation because of injury.

But a series of operations finally cured the trouble and he bounced back ... in a new position.

After arriving at Carlisle as a midfielder player, manager Bob Stokoe switched Houghton to centre-half recently and his form has been a revelation.

"Keith is doing very well," said Stokoe. "He has settled in well at the back and nobody would guess he hasn't played there all his life."

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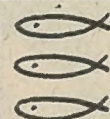
THE manager with the busiest end to the season must be Cowdenbeath's Andy Rolland. Because of winter postponements he's having to see his team through a final eight weeks spell of two games a week, as well as supervising his reserve side's commitments.

HELP A P.C.

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE side Harrow Borough are to play a British Police XI on April 27th, kick-off 7.30pm.

The match is to raise money for Philip Olds, the policeman who was shot during a raid on an offence. Philip is now paralysed and confined to a wheelchair.

The organisers are expecting a large crowd to watch the match.



ONE of our reporters has been to Grimsby twice this season — and on each occasion has been drenched by torrential rain. He

couldn't help noticing how well The Mariners side are named under the circumstances: Full-back is Dean Crombie (as in overcoat), in midfield there's Joe Waters (left, no need for explanation!) on the right wing is Mike Broily (handy) and centre-forward is Kevin Drinkell. In addition, the secretary is Mr Dowse and the groundsman Mr Bridge. We reckon they ought to sign Eddie Flood from Tranmere Rovers!

FORMER Blackpool striker Mickey Walsh, now with F.C. Porto, never established himself in the Eire team. Now another Mick Walsh is set to have a go. The Manchester-born defender, now doing well with Bolton, has been recommended to the Eire authorities by Bolton assistant manager Tony Dunne, himself a former Eire player.

All-rounder

DAVID Cunningham, the Scottish midfielder who has joined Welsh side Newport this season, has certainly seen his way around the Football League scene.

The former Brechin player has had spells with Southend, Swindon, Aston Villa and Hereford, and been on loan to Hartlepool and Peterborough.

In 1975 he had the doubtful privilege as a Southend player of being the first player to reach 20 points under what was then the new Football Association disciplinary code.

But don't think he's a big brute of a player. He's only 5ft 5in and weighs just a little over 9st.



Briefly...

● Former Berwick Rangers manager Dave Smith who had playing spells with Meadowbank Thistle and Hamilton Accies this season after leaving Shiffield Park is now player-manager of the Highland League side Huntly.

● The new PFA Footballer of the Year, John Wark probably doesn't realise it, but he could be on the threshold of another rare achievement. If he ends the season as leading scorer in the

First Division, a distinct possibility, he will become the first Scot to do so for four years, and only the third since the War. Andy Gray was tops during his spell with Aston Villa, but the only other Scot to top the list was Bolton Wanderers Willie Moir back in 1948-49.

● What is it about the goalkeeping Turner's that gives them such a reputation? Ian (left), still only 27, has had experience with six League clubs — Huddersfield, Grimsby, Walsall, Southampton, Newport and Halifax, while John, also a North-Easterner, can beat that. His travels have taken him to

Derby, Doncaster, Peterborough, Brighton, Huddersfield, Reading, Torquay and Chesterfield.

● Leeds United have shown an interest in Cork United's young centre-half Liam Keane.

● Everton striker Bob Latchford hopes to get fit for next season by playing the summer "down under" for an Australian team in Brisbane. He said: "It should be just the sort of exercise I need to get me match fit again. I'm really looking forward to the trip." The former England man has suffered a terrible hamstring injury during most of the season.

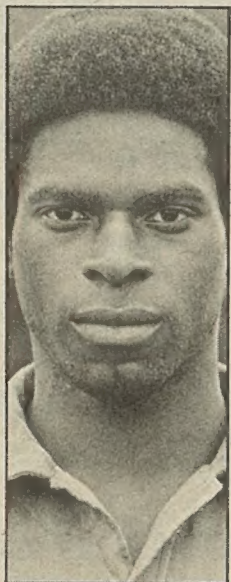
Queens prize trip offer

QUEEN of the South have strengthened their bid for promotion by signing defender Crawford Boyd, the man they sold to Hearts two seasons ago, but who was given a free transfer by the Edinburgh side recently.

The move could prove to be an adventurous one for Boyd if the Dumfries side do win promotion to the Scottish First Division at the end of the season.

For The Queens have been invited to play in Israel this summer. Says chairman Willie Harkness, who is also SFA president: "It is a tempting offer but we would not consider making the trip unless we won promotion."

Harkness himself sampled football in Israel nearly 40 years ago when he played inside-right in the famous British Army Wanderers team.



NINETEEN-year-old Alex Williams, (left), Manchester City's young goalkeeper, got a call-up to first team action out of the blue . . . after playing only a handful of games for the reserves.

Williams, who was born within yards of City's ground in Moss Side, Manchester, has been third choice at the club . . . but John Bond sold reserve keeper Keith MacRae to America, and first-choice Joe Corrigan had to pull out of the match with West Brom with a late injury.

Williams, who says he used to stand on the Kippax watching his heroes up until only two years ago, got a shock call-up from John Bond . . . and was so cool and calm in City's 2-1 victory he was voted Man of the Match.

"I can't believe it . . . I couldn't have wished for a better debut," he says. "My dad came to watch, and I didn't know he was in the crowd so that was great."

"I must thank Joe Corrigan for all the help he's given, although I accept he'll want his place back when he's fit."

LUTON meet Malmö, the 1979 European Cup Finalists, in a friendly in Sweden on April 15. Manager David Pleat said: "It is all part of our football education. The experience gained against difficult opposition will help our team's development." Malmö are managed by Keith Blunt, formerly coach to Tony Waiters at Plymouth Argyle.

HIGH FLYER



CHELSEA'S all-action goalkeeper Peter Borota is captured in full flight at the base of the Stamford Bridge club's defence. Borota's agility has kept the London club's promotion hopes alive on several occasions this season.

IPSWICH Town's emerging young star utility player Steve McCall prefers playing in midfield to anywhere else — but is glad to get a first team game in any position!

He has already notched up more than 40 appearances for the brilliant Suffolk team and recently smashed his first League goal at Coventry, an effort that was quickly added to the BBC's Goal of the Month candidates.

Steve said: "My first thought was to pass it, but I just decided to try my luck. It was a terrific moment for me. I still prefer midfield although I am in as full-back. There is a bit more freedom and if I had the choice that is where I'd stay."

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PEOPLE talk about the busy schedule of top clubs like Liverpool and Ipswich as the season draws to an end.

But it can be just as hectic at the bottom end of the scale — just ask little Hartlepool, who recently did something that even Liverpool have never attempted.

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But the large squad of promising young players at the Victoria Ground meant they could turn out virtually two different sides.

In the morning they drew with Chester-le-Street, then followed up a few hours later with another draw, this time against Wingate.

PATIENCE has been the name of the game for Preston North End goalkeeper Peter Lichfield ever since he left Droylsden to turn professional.

It's taken nearly two-and-a-half years for Peter to get a call for first team action, and looking back to an unproductive spell with Bolton Wanderers, and another with Manchester City, it all adds up to a nine year wait in all for his League debut.

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18 BROKEN BONES, BUT DENIS WON'T QUIT

DENIS Smith is ready to crown the person who first put about the theory that the harder a footballer tackles, the less chance there is of him sustaining an injury.

After 18 broken bones in a long career divided between Stoke City and hospitals in the Black Country, Denis reckons the fellow is woefully misguided.

"I'm after him," grins Denis, whose revenge would have to be carried out one-handed — because his left arm is encased in plaster.

Unless he trips on a banana skin today, the catalogue of misery experienced by the Stoke City centre-half reads: five broken legs, four broken noses, two broken arms, two broken fingers, one broken ankle, one broken back, one broken cheekbone and two broken toes.

It all started to go wrong for poor Denis at the age of ten, when his best school chum dropped a housebrick on his toe and the doctor diagnosed a break.

Three years later, he mistook a brick wall for a football and broke a toe, and a year after that was carried off the pitch on a stretcher after breaking a leg in a game for Stoke on Trent Schools.

The chapter of accidents continued. Denis got in the way of a cricket ball at 16 and broke his nose.

The most bizarre injury occurred in a game for Stoke when he reeled away from a tackle with the sole intent of getting as far away from the scene to escape the referee's wrath. Denis' ploy worked, but unknown to him he had broken his leg!

Quitting

Now, 13 years and 390 games after making his debut for Stoke as a 20-year-old, Denis Smith wants it to be generally known that he has no intention of quitting the game despite his latest accident.

He has his sights set on becoming a player-manager when his contract expires at the Victoria Ground at the end of the season.

Manager Alan Durban has hinted he wants Denis to stay. The strapping, six-footer would find it difficult to leave the club he has devoted his career to but is clearly impressed by the exploits of player-managers such as Howard Kendall.

Yeovil and Wigan have both considered him for management this season, and on his own admission Denis "has a lot of ideas" to offer clubs.

The only doubts he expresses centre on the unlucky streak which dogs his sporting career.

"I'm frightened to get out of bed some mornings — and have made more visits to the Nuffield Hospital at Newcastle-under-Lyne than

CHEEKBONE:

Once

NOSE:

Four times

BACK:

Once

FINGERS: Twice

ARMS:
Twice

LEGS:
Five times

ANKLE: Once

TOES: Twice

some of the nurses!

"The terrible thing is that I can wander into a crowded room on a stick with plaster jutting from my trousers — and nobody feels sorry for me anymore.

"Indeed, they tend to smile. My wife Kate has become my permanent chauffeur. How can a motorist work clutch and accelerator when his legs are broken?"

It might surprise some of his fellow professionals to learn that Denis Smith has thoroughly enjoyed his career. Nothing gives him greater pleasure than a face to face confrontation with a strong-running striker.

"It's never dirty but highly competitive," explains Denis. "Ian Hutchinson, the former Chelsea striker, was always welcome at Stoke. He's by far the toughest opponent I've faced. Fast, competitive but perfectly fair.

"We became firm friends and the last time Ian was in hospital I went to see him."

'Superb'

Aston Villa's Peter Withe, Norwich's Joe Royle and Forest's John O'Hare "a superb target man in his heyday" are highly rated by Denis.

"My job is to win the ball and I'd struggle to achieve that against those three. When O'Hare was at Derby, he was almost impossible to rob.

"Trevor Francis is a handful, too. Very quick. You can never relax with him.

"Peter Osgood was another difficult customer when he played for Chelsea."

He does not support the belief that Joe Jordan, Manchester United's Scottish striker, is a frightening specimen. "I don't have much trouble with Joe, but Cyrille Regis? He's tough. If he can conquer this psychological thing which has baulked his progress, he is potentially a great striker. Give him a belt, and he'll belt you back. Cloughie was interested in him, probably still is."

Denis' ambition is to chalk up his 400th game for Stoke before he leaves the club for new challenges.

He believes a full F.A. coaching badge allied to his experience, leadership qualities and sense of humour could land him the job he wants.

He admires Brian Clough and retains a healthy respect for what Sir Alf Ramsey did for Ipswich Town and England.

"I'd like to emulate them — if I can stay free of injury."

Unfortunately, Denis Smith's love affair with the treatment table offers no guarantee that he will be fit enough to make the interview if the clubs come calling for his services when his contract expires.



Goalscoring full-back Bobby McDonald heads one home against Everton during Manchester City's 3-1 replay victory.



City skipper Paul Power celebrates his goal.

ON TARGET FOR WEMBLEY



Spurs defender Paul Miller rounds Exeter 'keeper Len Bond to score his team's second goal.

WE spotlight the vital goals that sent the Semi-Finalists of the F.A. Cup through to the last four.

Mel Eves' diving header is too good for Middlesbrough goalkeeper Jim Platt — and Wolves are on their way to the Semi's.



Supersub Norman Bell does it again with a goal set up by Andy Gray.



Ipswich Town needed two attempts to beat Nottingham Forest. After a 3-3 draw at the City Ground, this goal by Arnold Muhren eventually decided the Quarter-Final thriller.

IT'S Terry, alias Dennis Waterman, who does the 'minding' for Arthur, George Cole, in the popular TV series, 'Minder'.

But up and down the country there are a whole host of soccer minders. They don't go in for the strong-arm stuff that Terry sometimes finds himself involved in.

Soccer's minders are the experienced players who are called on by their managers to perform the vital task of looking after the up-and-coming stars of the future.

You've got to look no further than Aston Villa, and the partnership of Peter Withe and Gary Shaw, for a fine illustration of what we mean.

Shaw burst on to the soccer scene last season to display his exciting, but somewhat raw goal-scoring talents, before fading towards the end of the term. But this season, playing alongside the much-travelled Withe, young Gary is a greatly improved player.

It was without doubt a very shrewd move indeed by manager Ron Saunders to bring Withe to Villa Park in a £500,000 deal. Not only was he securing the services of a proven goalscorer, but it obviously wasn't lost on him the invaluable help Withe could give Shaw where it mattered most — on the park.



Peter Withe (left) has provided the aggression and experience which has helped to boost the international chances of young Gary Shaw (above) at Aston Villa this season.

SOCCER'S 'MINDERS'

The men who guard the young jewels

"Peter and I are different types of players," says Gary, "but even so, I feel he has taught me so much this season. He always seems to be available when you need him most. And because of his sheer size and presence, he has taken pressure and attention away from me on the pitch. That's meant I can drift around, picking up his flicks and knock-backs, and turn them into goals."

"He's certainly had a great deal to do with the fact that I've continued to score goals right through the season."

Down at West Ham, they're confidently tipping Alvin Martin as a future England centre-half. And if he does make the international grade, no one will need to remind Alvin of the vital part Billy Bonds has played in his emergence over the past two seasons.

As his manager John Lyall points out: "Experience plays such a vital part for a central defender. That, and a cool head under pressure. Alvin couldn't wish for a better example of those qualities than Billy Bonds."

Martin himself says: "I feel I've continued to make progress ever since I got a regular place in the side. And I've learned from playing alongside Billy. In particular he's taught me the value of being consistent. At first, because of my



inexperience, I used to make silly mistakes. Billy has worked hard with me to help cut out that kind of thing."

A point endorsed by fellow Hammer, Trevor Brooking. "Alvin used to cause plenty of missed heartbeats in his early days, dribbling out of the penalty-area," says Trevor. "But Billy won't stand any mucking about. He just doesn't allow Alvin to take liberties like that now."

Protege

Brooking himself has done his own fair share of 'minding' over recent seasons. His protege being Alan Devonshire, who arrived at Upton Park straight from non-League football. So much of the fluid, attacking play from The Hammers now stems from those two in midfield.

"I started to learn from Trevor the moment I came into the West Ham side... and I'm still learning," says Devonshire. "I consider myself very lucky to have the benefit of someone like Trevor with me in the same side."

Joe Royle's transfer to Norwich in the close season, to team up

Norwich striker Justin Fashanu shields from Brighton's Steve Foster, but Justin has enjoyed the protection of Joe Royle.



Billy Bonds has successfully polished the rough edges from the game of his West Ham team-mate Alvin Martin.

see if we can use it to our advantage. There are certain other things out there on the pitch that maybe I notice, and pass on, too."

"Joe is a great talker," agrees Justin. "With his experience, it helps him to see things early, and he's always eager to pass the information to me."

John Bond, of course, is now in charge at Manchester City, where he inherited a young, talented, but totally demoralised side. His remedy was to step into the transfer market and secure the services of three 'minders', in the shape of Bobby McDonald, Gerry Gow and Tommy Hutchison. City's form since then speaks for itself.

Lawrie McMenemy hasn't been slow in putting his 'minders' to work, either. A couple of seasons ago he introduced young Steve Williams to midfield, alongside old campaigner, Alan Ball. The help Alan was able to pass on was considerable, as Steve was only too ready to acknowledge.

'Example'

"I can't think of a better person than Ballie to learn from," he said. "He's forever telling me things, advising me during matches, and setting an example for me to follow. Alan knows so much about the game, some of it can't fail to rub off on me."

And in the Midlands, we just cannot fail to mention Mark Wallington's 'minding' duties with the young lions of Leicester City. His may, indeed, turn out to be the finest accomplishment of all if the Filbert Street outfit survive in Division One this season.

In the lower Divisions, too, the 'minders' are at work. They may not receive the national acclaim of those players we've mentioned, but with money tight, and the emergence of youth the only answer for a great many clubs, their contribution is invaluable.

Mark Wallington has proved himself to be the best 'minder' of them all as captain of the young Leicester team.

with Justin Fashanu, was no accident either. John Bond, then manager at Carrow Road, was well aware of Fashanu's rough-diamond potential, and clearly felt with the wily Royle alongside him to help polish the edges, Justin would develop into a priceless jewel. He wasn't far wrong, judging by the £2 million price-tag tied to Fashanu now.

Justin certainly wasn't in need of anyone to look after him in the physical sense, but as Royle recalls: "When John Bond signed me, he insisted it was primarily for my own goalscoring. But he made it clear that any help I could pass on to Justin wouldn't only be to the benefit of the lad himself, but it would be good for the club as well."

"You can't sit down with a youngster and make out a list of the do's and don'ts of football, together with the various tricks of the trade," says Joe. "There are far too many for that. So I set out to take each game as it comes. If I know, from experience, a defender or a defence plays a particular way, then I get together with Justin to

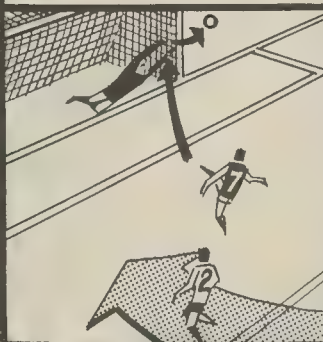


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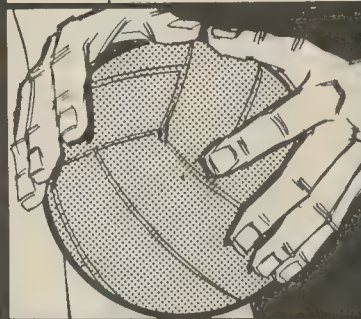
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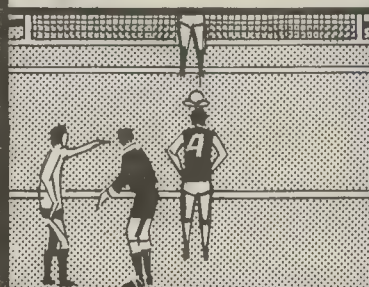
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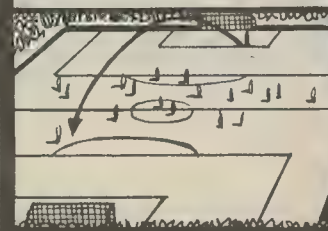
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An attacker is standing in an offside position in the opposing half when the ball is kicked direct to him from a goal-kick. The attacker goes on to score. Should you (a) allow the goal, (b) award an indirect free-kick or (c) direct free-kick?



5

Can a goalkeeper, when taking a goal-kick, build a mound to place the ball on it, and take the kick?



ANSWERS

1. No. 2. No. 3. No. 4. Allow the goal (a). 5. No. Unfortunately a number of goalkeepers are doing this in the Football League. Recently when refereeing West Ham and Preston at Upton Park, goalkeeper Phil Parkes was doing it and at one time I stopped play and ran up to him and told him to stop. The crowd were very annoyed and thought I was picking on him. But Phil, always ready with an answer, said "Clive I thought it was a Rugby match like last week because there is so much kicking in the air."

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HIGGINS LIKES THE QUIET LIFE

PARTICK THISTLE had just been hammered 4-1 by Celtic at Parkhead, but utility star Tony Higgins was adamant that the future was bright for the Firhill side.

"Celtic played well and you have to give them credit for that, but don't forget we played for most of that game with only ten men after left-back Brian Whittaker was sent off," said 6ft-plus Higgins, a bargain £35,000 buy from Hibs last season.

"In fact, we pulled the game back at 1-1 with a man short and that can't be bad considering the sort of form Celtic have been showing.

"Forget that result ... Thistle are on the right lines for the future, take my word for it."

Higgins, so unhappily hindered by injuries this season, is one of the quiet men of Scottish soccer, preferring to get on with his job with the minimum of fuss and maximum of effort.

"Although I started my career in Edinburgh with Hibs and had many happy years there, I was born and brought up not far away from Firhill in Glasgow.

"Everyone seems to have a soft spot for The Jags and I was no exception."

Higgins has been openly impressed by the enthusiastic and ambitious approach to management by former Liverpool star Peter Cormack.

"He wants the side to express themselves going forward and that suits most of our players down to the ground," he adds. "That's the way we want to play.

"I don't think we need fear anyone. Why should we erect defensive barriers when we have some of the finest players in Scotland at pushing forward?"

Ironically Cormack was a teammate of Higgins when both were at Easter Road. Bertie Auld was the man who brought Higgins to Firhill and now, of course, Bertie is the Hibs boss!

"It's a funny old game sometimes," remarks Tony, one of the bravest, boldest strikers in the Premier Division.

'Pessimistic'

"You must adopt a realistic outlook, of course, but there is no point in being pessimistic. Look at Morton. Like Thistle, they are mainly a part-time club, but last season they managed to reach the Semi-Final of the League Cup and this term have done exceptionally well in the Scottish Cup.

"People who say there is no room for part-time set-ups in the Top Ten have got it wrong. Obviously it would be nice if every team in Scotland was run on a full-time basis, but it's not right to dismiss the claims of part-time teams. Thistle are as fit as any team around."

Higgins has always adopted the right attitude to his soccer. He is an unassuming player who doesn't mind if he doesn't hit the headlines.

But under that calm exterior there is a determined young man ready, willing and able to lead Thistle to new glories in the coming seasons ...

I've got my fingers crossed that history repeats itself on Saturday when Rangers meet Morton in the Scottish Cup Semi-Final at Parkhead.

It was on Celtic's ground last season where we played Aberdeen at the same stage of the tournament and, thankfully, a goal from yours truly took us to Hampden Park.

That will always remain one of my favourite goals. As I recall it, Davie Cooper started the move with a penetrating run from our own half and he pushed the ball on to me

in superbly to our team pattern. Aberdeen, however, knocked us out of the League Cup with a controversial late penalty by Gordon Strachan.

That was our first defeat of the season, but it was still enough to take a trophy away from our grasp.

Our League form has since been erratic and manager John Greig has left me out of the team on a few occasions. I'm not grumbling, though. The boss has a tough enough job without me making things even more difficult.



Everything he does is for the ultimate good of the team and I have no complaints. Obviously I want to be out there in the thick of the action, but I respect Mr Greig and his decisions.

I must say here and now that a section of so-called Rangers fans should get off the gaffer's back.

They have been putting even more pressure on him by letting off steam when they haven't been happy with the form of the players and I think that is grossly unfair.

These fans must have remarkably short memories if they can suddenly forget all that John Greig has meant to Rangers in the past.

Obviously I want to play my part on Saturday against Morton, and everyone at Ibrox is looking forward to this challenge.

Morton, of course, are extremely dangerous opponents. In Andy Ritchie they have a player who can be out of the game for 89 minutes but can change the whole course of the match with a little bit of magic.

Swift

We will also be keeping a close guard on John McNeil and Jim Tollie, two very swift and nippy strikers who, as I recall, gave our defence a fairly hard time in a League game at Ibrox during the winter.

In fact, Morton won that one 1-0, so that serves as a warning to us all at Rangers.

I'm confident, however, we can overcome Andy Ritchie and company to book a place in the Hampden Final. I don't mind whether we meet Celtic or Dundee United on May 9th.

As far as I'm concerned I want revenge against both clubs. I still feel Rangers were good enough to win the Cup last season but, of course, Celtic snatched it from us in extra-time.

Dundee United also gave us a going over in the League at Ibrox last month when they beat us 4-1 and obviously Rangers want revenge for a result like that.

Cheers for now,

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'REVENGE FOR RANGERS'

when I had my back to goal about 20 yards out.

Aberdeen skipper Willie Miller was marking me tightly, but I managed to control the ball, turn and send a low shot past the diving Bobby Clark into the far corner of the net for the only goal of the game.

There is a sports programme in Scotland which shows that goal every week in its credits and I never get tired of watching it. More like that on Saturday against the Cappielow men would certainly help to put a smile on my face.

I've not had a lot to celebrate this season and, to be frank, I have been disappointed at the way things have turned out.

The team got off the best of starts when we got through to the Quarter-Finals of the League Cup to face Aberdeen and, on top of that, won our first ever Premier Division game at Parkhead when Alex Miller scored a last minute goal against Celtic.

Everything seemed to be going so well, and new players Colin McAdam and Jim Bett were settling

Colin McAdam outjumps Joe McLaughlin, but this effort went wide and Morton went on to win 1-0 at Ibrox in the League.



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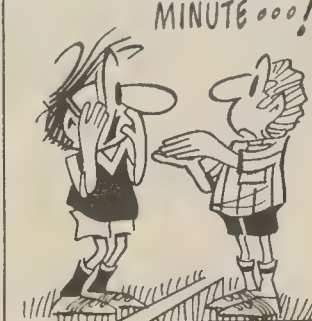
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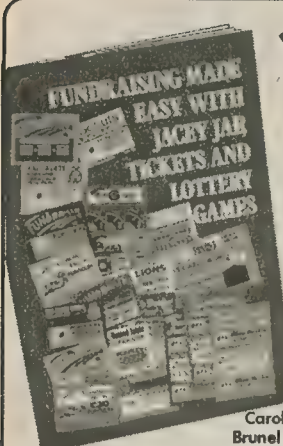
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ALTHOUGH big Dave Watson was left out of the England side beaten by Spain recently, don't write off his international career yet.

I've a hunch Ron Greenwood plans to bring him back for the vital World Cup clash against Rumania at Wembley next month.

Dave's not had the best of seasons for Southampton, nor was he particularly impressive in his last couple of internationals. So it was no real surprise he was replaced by the Ipswich pair Russell Osman and Terry Butcher, but I'm sure Ron Greenwood will want one of the world's best defenders in his side to face the Rumanians.

Youngsters

Watson's had a tremendous run for England, having missed only three of Ron Greenwood's 36 games. He realises changes have to be made and youngsters introduced now if England are to stand a chance in the next World Cup Finals, but if I know Dave he's in no mood to give up that number five shirt.

He's a classy stopper and will be a difficult man for England to replace. In fact centre-half could well become England's problem position if young Terry Butcher doesn't produce the goods.

Ron Greenwood's decision to play Osman and Butcher was welcomed by the English Press and fans.

I'm all in favour of using club partners at international level providing they are good enough and can adapt to the different techniques and skills they have to encounter.

Playing for England or Scotland is a different ball game than turning

'Watson will be back'

out against the Liverpools and Aston Villas of the First Division.

One big advantage of team-mates playing together at international level is, of course, their understanding.

It takes a long time to develop a sound knowledge of each other's play and styles.

I've had many different partners for Scotland, but have also enjoyed the benefits of playing alongside my United club-mate Martin Buchan on a couple of occasions.

Jock Stein has experimented with twin defenders for the past couple of games without any real success.

The Aberdeen pair Alex McLeish and Willie Miller played together in the second-half of our World Cup tie in Israel when Kenny Burns moved into midfield but failed to produce their club form or understanding.

But Jock Stein gave them another chance against Northern Ireland.

On a night of few heroes I understand Kenny Burns was the star, revelling in his midfield role.

A couple of years ago I was Scotland's recognised centre-half. No one else was really considered. Then Alan Hansen was given his chance. When injury forced out Alan, young McLeish grabbed the opportunity to establish himself.

But I don't get the feeling anyone is a permanent fixture for Scotland, particularly in defence, and I expect to be back for the British Championship.

I haven't had the best of seasons but I still consider myself good enough to figure in Jock Stein's plans. I'll certainly be disappointed if I'm not.

Scotland still have a long way to go in their World Cup quest. So have England judging by their performance against Spain.

From what I saw on TV and have been told by Ray Wilkins and Steve

Coppell, the only player to emerge with any real credit was Glenn Hoddle. His goal was pure class, so was the way he battled away trying to impress and influence the game.

This Saturday (April 11th) United are away to Coventry City.

Sky Blues have already beaten us twice this season, in the League Cup. They also held United to a 0-0 draw in our First Division clash at Old Trafford.

Coventry are a young side and not one I ever consider as Championship material. People have spoken about them as a team of the future this season simply on the merits of two cracking League Cup-ties against West Ham.

Someone said to me the other day this was a "nothing fixture". That's rubbish. United certainly haven't abandoned the season. We've still got our pride to play for and that means an awful lot to everyone at Old Trafford.

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Dave Watson was off form during the 2-1 World Cup defeat in Rumania, but he could be back for the return game at Wembley.

Finally, a word of encouragement for Garry Birtles, who has been struggling to establish himself at United following his move from Forest.

Tommy Taylor's uncle was at Old Trafford recently and reminded manager Dave Sexton that the player who went on to become one of England's best centre-forwards of all time took a season to settle down after his £29,999 transfer from Barnsley.

That didn't prevent Tommy going on to become a scoring sensation for both United and England before his tragic death in the Munich air disaster.

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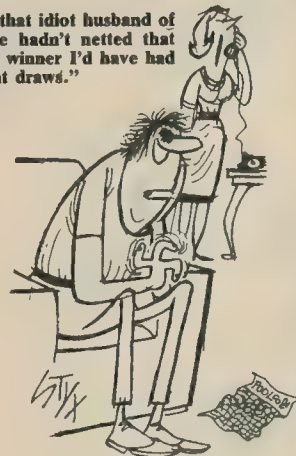
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"If that idiot husband of mine hadn't netted that late winner I'd have had eight draws."



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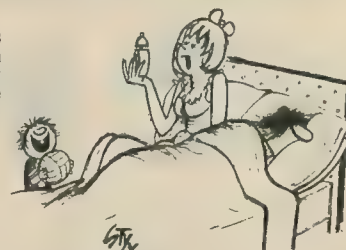
"What a quack. Asked him about pre-match butterflies and he tells me to chew a moth-ball."



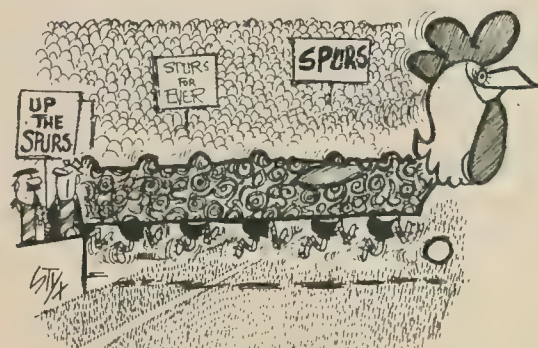
"Go on — look me straight in the eye and tell me you're a footballer."



"Do we always have to watch Match of the Day standing out in the open?"



"Here is a football flash... it's 5.30, it's stopped raining and Kevin Keegan here wants a game of football."



"I think they're beginning to overdo this 'Year of the Cockerel' lark..."

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'PRESSURE ON WARD'



I THINK even Peter Ward would admit that he hasn't been a resounding success since making the move from Brighton to Nottingham Forest.

He's found out — like so many strikers — that when you join a new club you are immediately judged on results. And in their line of business, that means goals.

The pressure was on him — just as it was with Trevor Francis and Ian Wallace when they moved to the

star at Brighton, a regular in the England 'B' side and even won a full cap. You don't lose that amount of ability overnight, but he's obviously had to adjust his game since joining Forest.

At his best, he is a great turner of defenders, has tremendous ability on the ball and has a hunger that borders on greed when it comes to goalscoring.

From what I've seen of him, he's got to win back his determination in terms of not being knocked off the ball . . . and to get deep into the box and make his presence felt.



City Ground — to come up with the goods . . . and it's not easy.

If you are a defender moving to a new club you can get in a few tackles; if you are a midfield man you can spread a few passes about — but getting goals is an entirely different proposition.

The problems that Garry Birtles has had at Manchester United illustrate the point but I am sure that Peter, like Garry, will eventually come good.

It's not that long ago Peter was a

Anxious

When he has got into the side he's been going three-quarters of the way to doing that, but is now anxious to get another first team chance.

After joining us last October, I know there was the suggestion in the Press that Peter Taylor wanted to sign him and Brian Clough wasn't so sure, but knowing them it could easily have been a psychological ploy to get the best out of their new man.

At the end of day, I'm sure they will and we could see Peter Ward not only winning a regular place at Forest — but battling to get into the international limelight once more.



'Wark got my vote'

I WAS delighted that John Wark won the P.F.A. Player of the Year award — not least because he got my vote.

If I had been voting for someone over a period of years, I would have gone for John Trollope, of Swindon, because his appearance record is absolutely staggering.

He picked up the special merit award and nobody was more deserving of recognition for what he's put into the game.

But over a season, nobody could really have made a bigger impact than Wark, whose goalscoring

record from midfield is astonishing.

He hits the ball so well and has the habit of stealing into goal-scoring positions that it's not really surprising that he's got such a return for his efforts.

I know he's got his share of penalties, but whether the ball is at his feet or in the air you always know that he's the type of player who is likely to get a goal.

To be honest, there are not too many midfield players around capable of getting that many. Terry McDermott obviously strikes a ball so well that he's always going to get

John Wark nets one of his many goals this season from the penalty spot against Crystal Palace.

goals, but Wark picks his up from inside the six-yard box as well as from a distance.

There is no doubt he's had considerable help in scoring his goals from the other Ipswich players, but it's remarkable that he's got so many while still being aware of his marking responsibilities in midfield.

But Ipswich have played such good football this season that they cover so efficiently for players like Wark to go on forward runs. In a side that's not functioning as well he might be more restricted.

But you can't take anything away from his record.

'Lee must be tougher'

I WAS pleased that Lee Smelt made such an encouraging debut for Forest when I went down with flu and had to miss the game at West Brom.

Lee, who joined Forest from Gravesend last summer, has worked extremely hard to improve his game since becoming a full-time professional and the results were on view at The Hawthorns.

He's such a nice lad that everyone wants him to succeed but in one way his pleasant manner might just hold him back a little.

All good goalkeepers have to have a bit of a ruthless streak in them and if Lee can harden his attitude in the same way that he has tightened up his all-round game, I'm sure you will hear a lot more of him in the future.

A SPAINFUL NIGHT FOR ENGLAND



S PAIN came to Wembley and beat England by playing the sort of football Ron Greenwood preaches. It was ironic, exciting — and painful for the home side, not least this goal by midfield architect Zamora.



England's goal came from a long shot similar to this one from Glenn Hoddle; but on this occasion the Spurs man was just wide.



Spain 'keeper Arconada underlined his class, not least with this save with his feet from Kenny Sansom.

MIXED BL



The draw at Hampden was good for Northern Ireland, but bad for Scotland, who have now drawn both their home games so far. Here Celtic skipper, Danny McGrain, makes a timely interception as the Irish put the pressure on.



ESSINGS



Don't talk about the luck of the Irish to Eoin Hand. Once again, against Belgium, the Republic had a goal disallowed for, seemingly, no good reason.

LEFT . . . Michael Robinson outjumps Renquin.

ABOVE . . . Frank Stapleton is challenged by Van der Eycken.



Hats off to Wales, who are in the best position of all the Home nations with maximum points and no goals against following their 1-0 win. Above we see Brian Flynn going close in Ankara against Turkey while below Ian Walsh tries to intercept a shot from a Turkish forward.



Kenny Burns wins this duel with Irish captain Sammy McIlroy

SHOOT!

'INNOCENT' PFAFF SUSPENDED

BELGIAN international goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff has been suspended until June 30th for an offence which he swears he did not commit.

The incident allegedly happened after Beveren's game against Lokeren as the players were leaving the field. In his match report referee Alex Ponnet claimed Pfaff kicked one of the linesmen.

It seems strange that after the match all three match officials had dinner with Beveren representatives and nothing was said. Neither was Pfaff shown the red card, which Ponnett should have done if an offence of this nature took place.

When the F.A. received Ponnet's report they banned Pfaff for two games — and shortly afterwards announced the suspension until the end of the season.

He was not allowed to read the allegations brought against him, nor could he call witnesses who were with him as he left the pitch.

Belgian television has refused to make its film public, saying they don't want to interfere in a matter between the F.A. and a player.

Beveren issued a statement which said: "We stand behind Pfaff and believe he is completely innocent."

Belgium captain Wilfried Van Moer and midfielder Bert Cluytens spoke about not playing for their country again because of the 'injustice'.

Very strange . . .



THE average football clubs director is considered by many to know nothing about football. In Brazil there is an exception, the president of the Rio Grande do Norte F.A.

Rui Barbosa is not only an active centre-forward, but also scored the Championship-winning goal for the Second Division Alvorada club.

Bionic Reinaldo

REINALDO, Brazil's centre-forward, is back playing as well as ever again. Written off in 1978 as finished in first class football, Reinaldo has proved them all wrong and is not only playing as well as ever, but has regained his position in the Brazil team.

It has not been easy though. He has had nine operations on his knees, and has lost all four cartilages.

He says his knees are now 100 per cent and give him no problems, and his four goals in three recent games seem to prove him right.



THE FIRST of Italy's brand-new band of foreign players to be 'returned to sender' is Argentine striker Sergio Fortunato. As soon as the Italians opened their frontiers to foreign players last summer, Fortunato was snapped by Perugia, who paid Estudiantes £275,000 for his services.

Nine months later, Perugia are in danger of relegation and Fortunato is back in Buenos Aires with Huracan for about half the price . . .

Brazil's most controversial star

PAULO CESAR LIMA, who played for Brazil in 1970 and 1974, and later for Olympique Marseille, retains the dubious fame of being the most controversial player in Brazil.

Some say he still is one of the best Brazilian players. Others, with more reason, argue that he plays so little that it is difficult to assess his real capabilities.

He hadn't played for his club, Vasco da Gama, for almost a year, and Vasco finally got an offer for his transfer from Barcelona of Guaiquil, Ecuador.

Paulo César agreed to go but, upon arriving in Guaiquil, gave up the idea of signing a contract, because he thought the town of Guaiquil didn't have the exciting kind of life he is accustomed to.

He is now back in Rio — and still not playing for Vasco.

FOLLOWING Bolivia's home defeat by Brazil in the World Cup qualifying section, manager Ramiro Blacutt resigned. Bolivia fully expected to beat Brazil in the altitude of La Paz; indeed, this was the Brazilian's first ever victory in the Bolivian capital.

Kung-Fu soccer

HERR GUNTER GOBEL is suing a player of Wiesbaden TB for damages after sending him off in a match at Niederhausen.

Klaus Kress was sent-off for a foul and, when shown the red card, used his knowledge of Kung-Fu to attack the referee, jumping at him feet first.

Herr Göbel sustained a fractured cheek bone that will be in plaster for six weeks and lost five teeth.

Kress has been suspended for life by the local F.A. committee and now faces legal action.

URUGUAY WIN AGAIN

URUGUAY can't seem to put a foot wrong these days, after nearly a decade in the doldrums.

First Nacional won the Copa Libertadores, and went on to beat Forest for the Intercontinental Cup.

Then the national team won the Copa de Oro, beating mighty Brazil in the Final.

And now their Youth Team has emerged as South American Champions in the qualifying tournament for the World Youth Cup to be held in Australia.

The talking point of the tournament was the failure of Argentina to qualify for the Finals. The reigning Champions won only one match in the final round and were hammered 5-1 by Uruguay in their final game.

For the record, here's how they finished:

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1 Uruguay	3	3	0	0	9	3	6
2 Brazil	3	1	1	1	6	3	3
3 Argentina	3	1	0	2	4	10	2
4 Bolivia	3	0	1	2	3	6	1

Uruguay and Brazil qualify for the Finals.

ELEVEN players of Terranova FC, (Sicilian club playing in Division Four) have refused to train or play, having not been paid for two months.

News flashes

● Peru have banned all international transfers involving members of their national squad.

● How times change! An Argentinian magazine recently referred to Pelé as the "Brazilian Maradona"!

● In South America, the international transfer market even seems to extend to radio commentators! Uruguay's most controversial soccer broadcaster, Victor Hugo Morales, has been signed by Radio El Mundo in Argentine capital Buenos Aires.

● Spanish title-chasers Atlético Madrid have paid

out £375,000 in bonuses so far this season. The biggest beneficiary has been their manager Garcia Traid, who gets double the bonuses paid to the players and, of course, never misses a game! So far he's netted £33,000.



● Although the draw for the final stages of the 1982 World Cup is still months away, Jupp Derwall (above), the West German manager has been inspecting hotels in the region of Vigo and Coruna, apparently knowing his team will play in Group One.

● The Russian Army Team CSKA Moscow have engaged the Dynamo Kiev assistant manager Oleg Basiljevic as their new boss. And he pulled off a coup in obtaining the transfer of Vagise Chidijalina of Spartak Moscow who is rated the best sweeper in the country. To get his man, Basiljevic had to persuade him to join the army!

● Not one player was sent-off in the Norwegian First Division in the 1980 season.

● TAJ Teheran, the team of Iran's national airline, have engaged a new coach, the West German Vlado Dekic. Several TAJ players were included in the Iran World Cup squad that played in Argentina.

MARIO Kempes is welcomed back to Buenos Aires by the local Queen of the Carnival and her maids before his debut with River Plate. He celebrated his return with a couple of goals in the 4-0 win over Colon.



'Less individual flair now' says Andy McCulloch

WHEN were all three newly promoted Third Division teams fighting an immediate battle to reach the First Division? "I can't remember anything like it" agrees Sheffield Wednesday's senior player, striker Andy McCulloch.

"Certainly one or two maybe show up strongly early on after a promotion but the sight of ourselves, Blackburn Rovers and Grimsby all there close to the top at the start of the run-in must be a little piece of history.

"Organisation is the keynote of the Second Division success these days. When I played for Queens Park Rangers, Cardiff City and Oxford in the Second, there was a tremendous amount of individual skill about: now it's a matter of tactical planning.

'Efficiency'

"Wednesday, Grimsby and Blackburn are all sides that work hard, possess confident efficiency and know exactly where they are going. That is why all of us are having such fine seasons."

The six feet two inches former Scottish Under-23 international had made a brilliant return to Second Division football after leaving it five years earlier. "I never thought that the chance would come again," he confesses.

"I've been lucky that fate took me to the right club under the right manager at the right time. The Third Division was no place for a club like Wednesday and Jackie Charlton is the kind of manager who is never going to settle for

football at that level.

"He is a terrific bloke to play for. Totally honest. Whatever he feels, he says straight to your face — very much like Jimmy Scouler who signed me at Cardiff. They are the best kind of men to play for."

Manager Charlton paid a modest £60,000 to recruit McCulloch from Brentford after he had contributed goals at the rate of almost one every other game over three seasons.

McCulloch did the job all over again at Wednesday: forming a lethal striking partnership with Terry Curran as they clambered back into the Second Division. "My main job is to knock down the ball for others to score and create a bit of a disturbance," he admits, "but I still spot enough openings to knock in a few myself!"

McCulloch hasn't the slightest doubt that, under the forceful Charlton, Wednesday are on their way back to the top. "People who take a close look at us must be highly impressed with the youngsters who are fighting their way into the side and then holding their places.

"Jack Charlton is building a team that is going to last a long time... and improve season by season. It is good for football to see a club like Wednesday with one of the finest grounds in the League on such a tide of success."

McCulloch (stripes) is tackled by Preston's Danny Cameron.



Bremner on the glory trail again

AS a player Billy Bremner was not a nice man to know — unless you were on his side. He was known as a firebrand. He seemed to relish getting into trouble.

Through it all he talked of the day when he would become manager, but those who knew him shook their heads and said he wouldn't have the temperament, nor, some even said, the brains to handle it.

Well, that same Mr Bremner has a message for the doubters: "Just look at me now — and Doncaster Rovers."

In his first two seasons of management Wee Billy has transformed a ramshackle old club that was going nowhere into one that can't wait for its future.

A more mellow chap these days, Billy recognises that he was sometimes a tricky customer to confront, and that he often did things he had no reason to be proud about — like getting sent-off at Wembley with Kevin Keegan in the F.A. Charity Shield, and earning himself a life ban from Scottish international team after a late night incident in Scandinavia.

"Yes I have been punished for a number of indiscretions, but I took

them all on the chin and never moaned. That's the way I am.

"When I was 17 I was arrogant and cheeky. I really thought I was God's gift to football, but fortunately all that was knocked out of me at Leeds."

Bremner, surveying less glamorous surroundings at Doncaster's Belle Vue ground than he did at Elland Road, recognises the value of Revie's promptings.

"I learned from Don Revie that attention to detail is vitally important in good management. I am my own man, but there is no doubt he had a great influence over me."

Bremner is a great advocate of the modern game, but in common with many more, believes it's time we put a smile back on the face of the British national sport.

"There are people in the crowd at Doncaster who do hard and monotonous jobs. They pay to see us give value for money, and they want to be entertained."

The little Scot, who was always regarded as a pretty fair entertainer himself, guarantees that very quality in his side — but he doesn't guarantee promotion.

"We're in a nice position at the moment, a better one than Doncaster Rovers have enjoyed for years, but with the exception of Southend, who are already up, the other places are up for grabs between half-a-dozen clubs."

Bremner is proud of the progress Rovers have made since he was appointed manager in November, 1978.

"I still hate being beaten — but then I always did — and defeats have been few and far between this season. I tell the players to enjoy themselves, this is a great life and it's a shame if you can't enjoy it when you have the chance.

"At least I know no one can point at me and say I haven't tried. I've done my damnest here, helped to spruce the place up with a pot of paint, brought on some fine young players and taken the club up the League. Of course I'd like to go to the very top in management, but for now I've got my hands full with Doncaster Rovers, and I'll settle for taking them a little higher."



Experienced striker Alan Warboys, helping out at Doncaster.

GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Gary Rawlinson of Wembley, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes

WEMBLEY WOE

★ I AM writing to SHOOT to express my disgust at the prices charged for tickets for the game against Spain. It cost £3.50 to stand on the terracing and seat prices were £6.50 and £8.50 if you fancied sitting on dilapidated wooden benches.

If you are one of the few millionaires in this country, you can afford the £10.50 and £12.50 seats. These are the prices being charged for a friendly match.

I am 16-years-old and would like to know how the football authorities expect schoolchildren like myself and the unemployed to go and support their country.

We don't get the luxury seats and red carpet treatment like the top officials. Have you ever tried queuing up for anything to eat or drink at the stadium at half-time? I wouldn't if I were you. You will not only return to the match a quarter of an hour late, but you will also have an empty pocket.

Thousands of England supporters take the day off work to travel to Wembley, and what with British Rail prices the way they are, I am surprised supporters can afford the match programme ranging at anything from 50p to £1 — it's not as if the programme is any good in the first place.

Although you might not think it from this letter, I am what you might call a die-hard supporter, the type that stands out in the cold and rain to watch his team, but when it comes to paying these inflated prices, I would rather stay at home and listen to the match on the radio or watch the game on television.

What makes it worse is that I live within sight of the stadium and if I don't go, I am beginning to wonder who will?

The F.A. are complaining that their tickets were not selling for recent matches, I am not surprised, at the prices charged. I think it is about time the authorities did something. Don't they know there is a recession in this country?

● In view of the high prices and bad weather the 71,840 attendance was magnificent. We've said many times that the loyal Wembley fans deserve better facilities — and better displays by England, come to that.

England's poor performance against Spain — was it worth the admission fee?



Wark wrong choice

I AM amazed at the footballers' decision to nominate John Wark as Players' Player of the Year.

I have visited Portman Road seven or eight times this season and the only time John Wark enters the game is when Ipswich get their weekly penalty, usually due to the gymnastics of Gates or Mariner in the area.

I think I am right in saying 11 or 12 of Wark's goals this season have come from the spot. This is one-third of Wark's tally.

I must agree that for a midfield player to score over 15 goals a season is an achievement, but under the circumstances nothing to write home about.

A far more worthy winner would have been Frans Thijssen, the midfield artist who has bought back a bit of well-needed class into our game.

And in my opinion, Kenny Dalglish must be the best player in Britain — how can he not finish in the top three?

ALISTAIR ROSS, WITHAM.

● You're being unkind to John (above), who's having a magnificent season. Every side in the world would like a midfielder who could end the season with an incredible 40 goals.

Friendly fans

AFTER the bad things we hear about soccer fans, I thought I would write and tell you of my experience on my way to see Southampton play at Stoke.

The Southampton coaches stopped at a service station, where we met several coaches of Swansea fans going to Derby.

The Swansea fans looked, as you could put it, yobs, but they were very friendly and we even started a 20-a-side match between the two sets of fans.

During the match a motorway patrol informed the Swansea fans that their match at Derby was off. They were not too keen on turning around to go all the way back to Swansea, so we suggested they came to Stoke and supported Saints. They willingly agreed.

Inside the Victoria Ground the police looked amazed that two sets of fans were together talking and singing and not fighting. The day ended at the same service station with handshakes all round and some were even exchanging scarves.

MARK ADAMS, TOWNHILL PARK.

● Can other readers tell us similar stories?

Courage

YOUR picture-page on Peter Daniel breaking a leg made dramatic reading, but unfortunate as the incident was I congratulate SHOOT on having the courage to publish the sequence.

Football isn't all roses and it's good to see a magazine taking the game seriously, rather than trying to plaster over the cracks.

JOHN BEDDOWS, SUTTON COLDFIELD.

● We thought long and hard before printing the photos, but decided they were newsworthy and your letters prove us correct. While we prefer to concentrate on the better aspects of football, we won't dodge the other side of it.

Scotland picture

I AM Scottish born and Scottish bred and therefore feel strongly against the fact that a Scotland team pin-up has not been published for two years.

However, during this time I have noticed that the England team photo has been published twice.

I realise the population difference between the two countries, but would have expected you to have taken more care and courtesy over such major decisions.

ROBERT SANDISON, EDINBURGH.

● We would be delighted to publish a Scotland photo... if we could get one. Scotland don't pose for pictures before games and although we've tried, we haven't managed to secure one. It's out of our hands. We can't publish what doesn't exist.

'Boring' Leeds

I AM fed up of opening a newspaper or even hearing it on the TV that Leeds United are boring and not entertaining, but what is expected of a team that was in the relegation zone?

MALCOLM WARD, ASHTON-IN-MAKENFIELD.

● Leeds have averaged less than a goal-a-game under Allan Clarke.

TV wrong

IT was shocking to see the Standard Liege player Renquin making a Fascist salute in front of thousands of fans after being sent-off for arguing about a late goal in the match against Cologne.

I would like to see the player banned from professional football due to this behaviour.

However, even worse was to see both BBC and ITV screening the incident on their Saturday afternoon previews.

If the TV companies are as concerned as most people about the problem of hooliganism, then surely they were not very wise to show this in front of millions of people?

RICHARD HAVILAND, LONDON.

● Point taken, but when you start disguising what really happened, even if it is bad, it becomes a form of censorship. On this occasion TV showed up the player concerned for what he was: unprofessional.

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Goalscoring debut

Which player has scored the most goals on his debut in British first-class football?

NEIL ROWLANDS, SKELMERSDALE

● Best-ever in major competitions in Britain, Neil, was the eight-goal debut of Jack Dyer in a Scottish Second Division game in which the now defunct King's Park beat Forfar Athletic 12-2 on 2nd January, 1930.

In England, the best effort has been that of George Hilsdon — five for Chelsea v. Glossop — in the Second Division on 1st September, 1906.

Five players have scored four goals on their Football League debut — and as many as 25 have hit a hat-trick on the same occasion.

Record draws

Which Football League and Scottish League clubs hold the record for the most draws in a season?

JOHN HUNTER, LONDONDERRY

● In England, it's 22 — out of 46 games — by Tranmere in Division Three in 1970-71. John.

Their home record was eight wins, 11 draws, and four defeats, while away it was two wins, 11 draws, and ten defeats.

Even more consistent, draw-wise, was the record of Falkirk. In the old Scottish First Division, they drew 17 games in each of the successive seasons on 1921-22 (out of 42 games) and 1922-23 (38 games).

First promotion

My brother says no club has gained promotion in their first season in the Football League. Is he right?

ANDREW SEAMAN, OUNDEE

● No, he isn't, Andrew — one notable exception, not all that long ago, being your own local club, Peterborough.

Elected to the League in 1960, they whizzed straight through Division Four as Champions in their first season.

And the 134 goals they got then became, and still is, an all-time Football League seasonal scoring record.

SHORT PASSES

● Highest attendance for a Fourth Division game is 37,774 (Palace v Millwall; 31st March, 1961).

(GRAHAM BANKS, Leeds)

● Leeds manager Allan Clarke scored 110 goals in 273 League games in his playing-days for the club.

(CHRISTY HENDY, Dublin)

Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.

STEVE Walford, Norwich's recent £175,000 capture from Arsenal, has two ambitions yet to be fulfilled within the game.

"My first priority is to establish myself as a regular first team player, preferably in the First Division," explains the 23-year-old centre-half.

"If I can achieve that, it could help me achieve my other ambition — to play for England."

Many players would have had second thoughts about moving from Arsenal — one of the most glamorous and successful clubs in Europe — to the relative soccer backwater of Norwich. But not Walford.

He has just signed a two-year contract at Carrow Road, and explains: "It didn't take me long to make up my mind. The guarantee of a regular place in the First Division was too good an offer to refuse."

Since joining Arsenal from North London rivals Tottenham in August, 1977, Walford's opportunities of a regular place in the Highbury line-up were

Don Howe have been the biggest influence on my career.

"Norwich is a complete contrast to Arsenal. The London club is more of an institution. They are expected to be in the hunt for trophies continuously whereas Norwich are trying to establish a reputation as a leading First Division club."

This move, though, will give Walford a new lease of life and the fact that The Canaries look doomed to fighting a relegation battle for the rest of the season proved no obstacle for the young defender.

"Norwich are geared to being a First Division club and if we go down, then I will give it a go and try my best to get them back in the First," said Walford.

The pressures at Norwich aren't as intense as they were at Highbury. But we've still got to maintain a high level of consistency at Carrow Road to satisfy the fans.

Although I've not been here long, I'm convinced we're in a false position. Although Ken Brown is



Walford's boss at Carrow Road is Ken Brown (left).

Norwich can help Walford play for England

restricted by the presence of Willie Young and David O'Leary.

One of the few occasions when he did make it on to the pitch came during the closing minutes of the 1979 F.A. Cup Final when Arsenal defeated Manchester United 3-2 in a breathtaking finish. "That was the highlight of my career without a doubt," he says.

"I would have liked to have made it with Arsenal, but I realised I was always going to be the odd man out when both Willie Young and David O'Leary were available.

'Preferred'

"I made quite a few appearances this season as stand in for David, and I must admit I preferred it alongside Willie.

"I thought I had the chance of a regular place, especially after filling in for David for such a long time. But as soon as he was ready to return I was relegated back to the reserves."

Walford put in a transfer request last season because of his lack of first team opportunities. This season manager Terry Neill reluctantly listed him.

"He was aware of how I felt," says Walford, "and he knew I was good enough for first team football, although there was still room for improvement. Terry and



new to the job as manager, he has good ideas and is desperate for Norwich to do well.

"He believes in discipline. The morale is brilliant despite being at the wrong end of the Division. They're a chirpy lot."

Walford sees Norwich as the team of the future, although he admits they won't be as big as Arsenal. And even after a disastrous start to his Norwich career, Walford will be just grateful for regular first team action.

And there's no one more pleased with his move than his wife Terri. Walford will rent a house in Norfolk and the fact that he will not be selling his premises in North London indicates that London born-and-bred Walford would someday like to move back to the capital.

But his main priorities at the moment, other than his two children Katy (19 months) and Emma (three months), is to make a name for himself as a regular First Division player. Then, the dream of winning an England cap would become nearer a realisation.



SOCCER VIOLENCE

—a policeman's solution

CHIEF INSPECTOR Paul Hooker of the Sussex Constabulary is an ardent football follower. He is also directly concerned with controlling the crowds at Brighton's Goldstone Ground and has studied, lectured and written on soccer hooliganism for some years.

Following our spotlight on one of the gravest problems facing the game of soccer and your solutions last week, Chief Inspector Hooker (right) has put forward a series of proposals which he feels would help to improve the current situation.

His views are purely personal and do not represent official police policies. We feel they could go a long way to cleaning up the terraces of the hooligans who have blighted the game for too long.

"FOOTBALL causeth fighting, brawling, confrontation, quarrel picking, murder and great effusion of blood . . ."

So said an Elizabethan writer, proving that the game has always had a violent image. The 'game' was banned in Exeter in 1286 and the wild and riotous version played in the Middle Ages was banned by Royal decree of Edward III, in Scotland by James I, and later, in 1608 it was stopped in Manchester after incidents involving 'lewd and disordered persons' causing havoc.

After a lengthy and thorough investigation into crowd behaviour at soccer games, based on intensive research, I give my proposals for the cure, prevention and control of the problem:—

1. Introduce by-laws for all sports stadia with powers of arrest for climbing into the ground, running on to the pitch, bringing alcohol and missiles into the ground, and swearing.

2. There is merit for short periods of imprisonment for young offenders. Sometimes fines remain unpaid or are met by friends.



3. Better training and more use of stewards. One club shares its stewards on the terraces with a neighbouring club, and they 'are not frightened to go in where things are flying around'. But most club stewards work in the seating area or use their own initiative. Stewards must be properly trained by police and reduce violence by proper crowd packing and segregation.

4. More seats, on the basis that it is more difficult to make a nuisance sitting down. Ordinary planking would suffice, especially behind the goals, which would remove cover for troublemakers.

5. Families and youngsters should be encouraged to use designated areas of grounds at reduced admission prices. Greater use must be made of juvenile season tickets issued on written application and countersigned by a parent. If the holder misbehaves the club must withdraw the identity ticket and thus withhold the privilege of entry.

6. The law must cater for firm conditions against supporters travelling by coach to ensure alcohol is not carried. Very limited stops and specific times of arrival and departure.

7. Fuller police training is necessary — fans on the terraces behav-

ing in a tribal fashion must always be tackled with forethought backed by sound decisions. A confident group of experienced police must travel with fans and assist at the 'away' match, with some of these officers in plain clothes for observation duty.

8. Clubs, through the turnstile operator and the use of the police, must be more selective in which fans gain entry to the ground. Much aggravation can be stopped at the turnstile by refusing entry to potential troublemakers.

9. Many club officials favoured the use of police horses and dogs. I am in favour of an increase in the work of police horses.

10. The media must be encouraged to draw up guidelines to give a more factual account of events and not, by irresponsible reports, aid the hooligans.

11. Every ground must be fully sectioned off, with each section being self sufficient in all facilities and means of entry and exit. Opposing supporters *must* be at different ends of the ground.

12. All clubs must provide purpose-built amenities for police use, and include detention rooms for prisoners, and an elevated control room giving a panoramic view of the whole ground with closed circuit TV to help give crowd control both inside and outside the ground.

13. Clubs must become more involved with their local communities. They should feel a responsibility to the surrounding area and supporters should feel that the club is a friend and want to be part of their sporting activity. In return, the club could coach youngsters and take part in charity work.

BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, April 11th,

Arsenal v Leeds

THE question to be answered on Saturday is — did Arsenal finally lay the Leeds bogey when they beat them 5-0 last November?

That was only Arsenal's third victory over Leeds in their last 16 League meetings, and The Gunners have not beaten Leeds at Highbury since December, 1972 when the result was 2-1 in their favour.

Indeed, Leeds' League record at Highbury is quite extraordinary — eight wins and six draws in their last 17 visits! If Arsenal win this Saturday it will mean the completion of their first League double over Leeds in 23 seasons.

Aston Villa v W.B.A.

ALBION'S finest victory at Villa Park was way back in 1935-36—the season in which Aston Villa were relegated to the Second Division. On that occasion the visitors won 7-0.

In their 23 League visits to Villa Park since that runaway victory, Albion have only scored more than a single goal on three occasions. On the other hand, these Midland derbies have not always run to form. Four seasons ago Villa won 4-0 with Andy Gray getting a hat-trick. The following season Villa won 3-0, but since then Albion have won 1-0 and last year this game resulted in a goalless draw.

Derby v Notts County

THERE have not been many local derbies between these two clubs in recent years and County's last win at the Baseball Ground was back in September, 1903. According to contemporary accounts, this was a curious affair in that the solitary winning goal was due to an unaccountable error by Derby's goalkeeper, Walter Whittaker. When County's inside-right Percy Humphreys fired a 25-yard shot straight at the home goalkeeper "for some unaccountable reason Whittaker jumped out of the way!"

Since then Derby have entertained Notts County only ten times in League games at the Baseball Ground, winning five and drawing five.

Grimsby v West Ham

HAVING already beaten Grimsby 2-1 at Upton Park earlier this season The Hammers are confident of completing their fourth League double over the Fishermen — that is four in 12 seasons.

The Londoners were last at Grimsby in November, 1957, and just to place this period correctly in your memory it is worth mentioning that the visitors' inside-forwards, John Smith and John Dick, each got a goal, while their wing-half, Andy Malcolm, also put one through his own goal in West Ham's 2-1 victory.

Grimsby's last resounding win over West Ham was in April, 1949, when they had one of the most consistent goalscorers in the club's history — Tommy Briggs. He scored twice in a 3-0 win.

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Saturday, March 14

(Contd.)

Scottish Second

ALBION (0) 1 (Clark (o.g.)) Q. of S. (0) 0	450
ALLOA 0 STENHOUSEMUIR 0	570
ARBROATH 0 FORFAR 0	915
BRECHIN (2) 2 (Graham 2) CLYDE (0) 1 (Ahearn pen.)	400
EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Caithness) COWDENBEATH (0) 0	501
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McGregor) MONTROSE (0) 1 (Wright)	972
STRANRAER (1) 1 (Harvey) MEADOWBANK (0) 2 (Boyd, McAllen)	300

Sunday, March 15

Second Division

OLDHAM (2) 2 (Wylde pen., Palmer) CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Lyons, Reilly)	4,836
Oldham: Platt, Edwards, Blair, Hilton, McDonough, Hurst, (Kowenicki), Wylde, Fletcher, Steel, Palmer, Atkinson. Cambridge: Kay, Donaldson (O'Neill), Murray, Turner, Fallon, Finney, Streets, Spriggs, Reilly, Lyons, Christie.	

Monday, March 16

Fourth Division

MANSFIELD (0) 0 HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Harding)	3,737
PORT VALE (1) 4 (Bowles 2, Chamberlain (N), Armstrong) HEREFORD (0) 0	2,379

Scottish Cup

(Fifth Round replay)

CLYDEBANK (0) 0 MORTON (1) 6 (Thomson 3, McNeil, Rooney, Tolmie)	5,000
Clydebank: Kenny, Treanor, McLaughlin, Fallon, Evans, Given, Ross, Houston, Miller, Gervaise (Harkins), McCabe. Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, McNeill, Busby, Thomson, Tolmie, Ritchie.	

Tuesday, March 17

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Worthington) WOLVES (0) 0	20,005
Birmingham: Weaslands, Langan, Dennis, Dillon, Gal- lagher, Todd, Ainscow, Evans, Worthington, Gemmill, Broadhurst. Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Clarke (Bell), McAlle, Berry, Hughes, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.	



Joe Royle (Norwich City)

NORWICH (2) 2 (Royle 2) MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0	14,549
Norwich: Woods, McDowell, Downs, McGuire, Wal- ford, Watson, O'Neill, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Barham. Middlesbrough: Platt, Nattrass, Bailey, Johnston, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson, Shearer, Armstrong.	

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Keegan, Baker, Wil- liams) EVERTON (0) 0	20,829
Southampton: Wells, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon, Baker, Moran, Ball. Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Ratcliffe, Wright, Lyons, Stanley, McMahon, Eastoe, Varadi, Hartford, Ross.	

Second Division

SWANSEA 0 BRISTOL CITY 0	10,832
Swansea: Stewart, Evans, Hadziabdic, Rejkovic, Charles, Stevenson, Craig, James (R), Curtis (Robin- son), James (L), Mahoney. Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Sweeney, Marshall, Hay, Tainton, Fitzpatrick, Aitken, Pritchard, Mabbutt, Whitehead.	

Third Division

CARLISLE (2) 2 (Robson 2) SWINDON (1) 1 (Carter)	4,104
CHARLTON 0 MILLWALL 0	12,700
FULHAM (0) 0 CHESTER (0) 1 (Phillips)	3,387

HULL (0) 0 COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Cotton)	3,586
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PLYMOUTH 0 HUDDERSFIELD 0	5,453
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Burnley v Gillingham postponed.

Fourth Division

DARLINGTON (2) 4 (Speedie, Hamilton, Charl- ton, Welsh) WIMBLEDON (0) 0	2,091
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Scottish Second

ALBION (2) 5 (Ross 2, Burgess, Hill pen, Fran- chetti) STRANRAER (0) 0	300
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Wednesday, March 18

European Cup

(Quarter-Final, second leg)

CSKA SOFIA (0) 0 LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Johnson)	65,000
CSKA: Arsov, Iliev, Dimitrov, Vassilev (Kalbourov), Rangelov, Zdrakov, Yonchev, Mladenov, Djedvisov, Mar- kov, Valkov. Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Irwin, Ken- nedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson (Highway), Cass, Souness. Liverpool win 8-1 on agg.	

European Cup-Winners' Cup

(Quarter-Final, second leg)

DYNAMO TBILISI (0) 0 WEST HAM (0) 1 (Pearson)	80,000
Tbilisi: Gabelia, Chivadze, Khisanishvili, Khin- chagashvili, Tavadze, Chikaya (Mudzhir), Svanadze, Sulakveidze, Gutsaev, Kipiani, Shengelia. West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Brush, Neighbour, Goddard (Pearson), Cross, Brook- ing, Pike. Tbilisi win 4-2 on agg.	

NEWPORT (0) 0 CARL ZEISS JENA (1) 1 (Kurbjuweit)	18,000
Newport: Plumley, Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Tynan, Vaughan, Lowndes, Gwyther, Elsey, Moore. Carl Zeiss Jena: Grapenthin, Brauer, Schilling, Burow (Ross), Kurbjuweit, Schnuphase, Overman, Sengewald, Beilau, Raab, Vogel. Carl Zeiss Jena win 3-2 on agg.	

U.E.F.A. CUP

(Quarter-Final, second leg)

IPSWICH (0) 3 (Butcher, Wark pen, Mariner) ST-ETIENNE (0) 1 (Zimako)	30,151
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Mike Doyle (Stoke City)

Ipswich: Cooper, Steggles, McCall, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil (O'Callaghan), Gates (D'Avray). St-Etienne: Castenada, Battiston, Zanon, Gordon, Lopez, Janvion, Zimako, Laros, Roussey, Platini, Rep. Ipswich win 7-2 on agg.	
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First Division

MANCHESTER UTD (1) 1 (Burns (og)) NOTTM. FOREST (1) 1 (Wallace)	38,205
Man. Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, Buchan, Coppell, Birdies, Jordan, Macari, McIlroy (Duxbury). Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Gunn, Gray (F), Gray (S), Needham, Burns, Ponte (Ward), Wallace, Mills, Walsh, Robertson.	

STOKE (1) 2 (Doyle, O'Callaghan) MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (McDonald)	15,842
Stoke: Fox, Johnson, Hampton (Ursem), Dodd, O'Cal- laghan, Doyle, Munro, Heath, Chapman, Bracewell, McGuire. Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Power, Booth, Tueart, Buckley, Mackenzie (Caton), Henry, Reeves.	

Third Division

EXETER (0) 2 (Sparrow, Delve) ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Stancliffe)	4,494
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Fourth Division

PETERBOROUGH (3) 4 (Gynn, Kellock 2, Slack) TRANMERE (0) 1 (Bramhall)	3,034
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Scottish Premier

CELTIC (2) 4 (MacLeod 2, Sullivan, McGarvey) PARTICK (1) 1 (Park)	15,000
Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Sullivan, McAdam, Aitken, Provann, Conroy (MacLeod), McGarvey, Burns, Nicholas. Partick: Rough, Welsh, Whittaker, Campbell, Ander- son, Lapsley, Park, McDonald (Jardine), Higgins, O'Hara, Clark.	

RANGERS (1) 1 (McAdam) DUNDEE UTD (2) 4 (Bannon 2, Kirkwood, Sturrock)	12,000
Rangers: Stewart, Miller (Cooper), Dawson, Stevens, Jackson, Bett (Forsyth), Johnston, Russell, McAdam, Redford, MacDonald. Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Stark, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne (Kopell), Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds (Pettigrew).	

Scottish First

DUNDEE (1) 2 (Geddes 2) DUNFERMLINE (0) 0	3,153
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FALKIRK (0) 0 MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Irvine)	1,500
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HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (McNamara) ST. JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Brogan, Docherty)	3,000
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Scottish Second

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Brogan (og), Hunter) CLYDE (0) 0	400
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MONTROSE (0) 1 (Beedie) MEADOWBANK (2) 2 (Davidson, McCallum)	250
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STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 BRECHIN (0) 3 (Leslie 2, Kyles)	300
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Friday, March 20

Fourth Division

STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Bradd 2) YORK (0) 0	1,903
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Saturday, March 21

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (2) 2 (Worthington, Evans) MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0	16,160
Birmingham: Weaslands, Langan, Dennis, Ainscow, Gallagher, Todd, Dillon, Evans, Worthington, Gemmill, Broadhurst. Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson (Bennett), McDonald, Booth, Power, Caton, Tueart, Henry, Mackenzie, Hutch- ison, Reeves.	

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Robinson) STOKE (1) 1 (Ursem)	13,583
Brighton: Digweed, Stevens, Williams, Horton, Foster, Ritchie, Gregory, Stille, Robinson, Smith, McNab. Stoke: Fox, Johnson, Munro, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Ursem, Bracewell, Chapman, Heath, Maguire.	

LEICESTER (0) 1 (O'Neill) CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Price)	15,176
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Friar, Byrne, May, O'Neill, Lynex, Melrose, Young, Wilson (Smith), Mac- donald. C. Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Lovell, Price, Boyle, Gilbert, Bason, Brooks, Walsh, Langley, Hilaire.	

LEEDS (1) 1 (Harris) WOLVES (1) 3 (Richards, Clarke, Gray)	19,952
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Parkinson, Cherry, Harris, Chandler (Connor), Parlane, Stevenson, Graham. Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Clarke, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves (Bell).	

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Bailey (og)) EVERTON (0) 0	49,743
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Money, Irwin, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Highway, Cass, Souness. Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Stanley, Ross, McMahon, Eastoe, Varadi (McBride), Lodge, O'Keefe.	

MANCHESTER UTD (1) 2 (Thomas, Nicholl) IPSWICH (1) 1 (Butcher)	46,685
Man. Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, Moran, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Birdies, Jordan, Duxbury, Thomas. Ipswich: Cooper, Steggles, McCall, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, O'Callaghan, Gates.	

NORWICH (1) 1 (Fashanu) ARSENAL (0) 1 (Talbot)	19,569
Norwich: Woods, McDowell, Downs, McGuire, Wal- ford, Watson, O'Neill, Fashanu, Royle (Robson), Pad- don, Barham. Arsenal: Jennings, Davine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Nicholas, Sunderland, Stapleton, McDermott, Rix.	

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Moran) MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0	20,651
Southampton: Wells, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Wuck- son, Nicholl, Keegan, Ball, Channon, Moran, Baker (Puck- ett). Middlesbrough: Platt, Nattrass, McAndrew, Mac- donald, Angus, Bailey, Cochrane (Ashcroft), Proctor, Shearer, Ross, Askew.	

SUNDERLAND (1) 3 (Hinnigan 2, Cummins pen) COVENTRY (0) 0	20,622
Sunderland: Siddall, Hinnigan, Bolton, Elliott, Hind- march, Amott, Chisholm, Buckley, Ritchie, Cooke, Cummins. Coventry: Seeley, Thomas, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gil- lespie, Bannister, Daly, Thompson, English, Hunt.	

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Crooks, Archibald) ASTON VILLA (0) 0	35,091
Tottenham: Aleksic, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Brooke, Perryman, Ardies, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks. Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Geddis, Cow- ans, Morley.	

WBA (1) 2 (Gunn (og), Deehan) NOTTM. FOREST (0) 1 (Mills)	19,269
WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wils, Ben- nett, Robson, Deehan, Ragis, Mills, Barnes. Nottm. Forest: Smelt, Gunn, Gray (F), Gray (S), Needham, Burns, Mills, Wallace, Francis, Walsh, Robertson.	

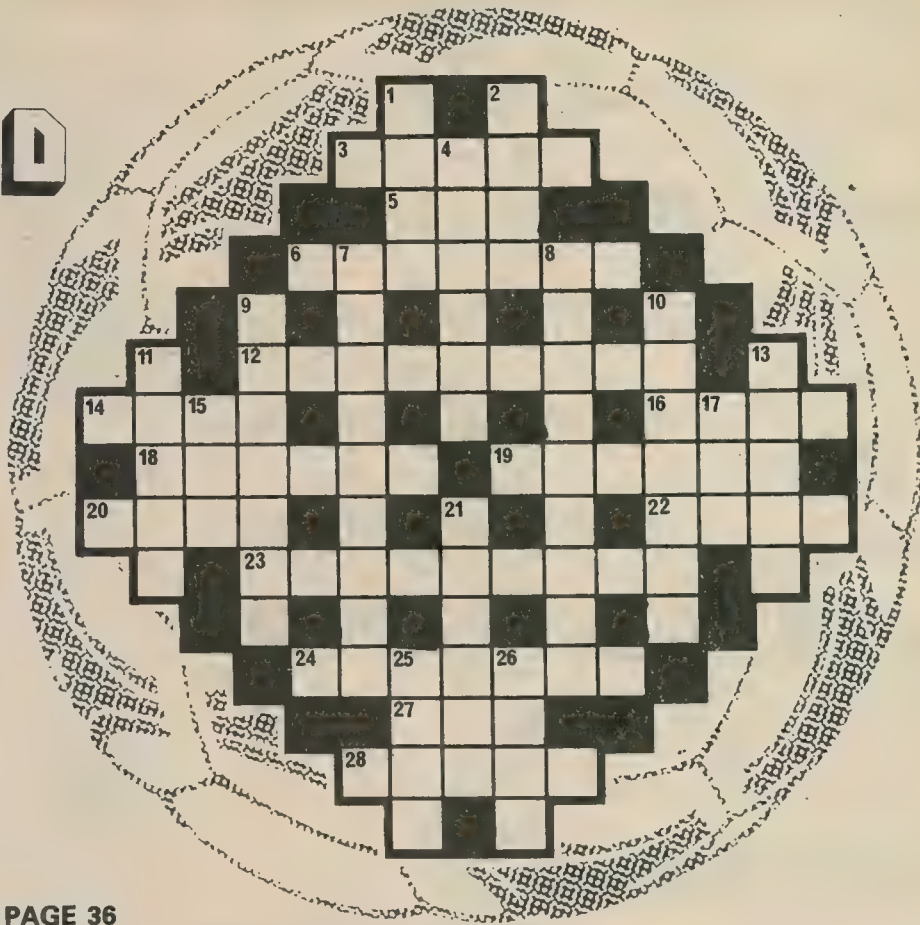
ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

ACROSS:—

- (3) Tommy —, Manchester City defender. (5)
 (5) One circuit of the ground. (3)
 (6) 'Ricardo Villa gets another goal' to contain the rural community! (7)
 (12) — Stadium; home of Aberdeen. (9)
 (14) Move to another direction. (4)
 (16) Frank —-ard, West Ham full-back. (4)
 (18) Perhaps a more apt home for 'The Robins' or 'The Blue Birds'! (6)
 (19) The Race----- Ground; home of Wrexham. (6)
 (20) — Downs, Norwich City defender. (4)
 (22) If Celtic, Carlisle, Crystal Palace & Albion Rovers give EARL; what do Coventry, Cardiff, Crewe & Aston Villa give? (4)
 (23) Nottingham Forest youngster. (4 & 5)
 (24) His aim is to score goals. (7)
 (27) Alan Devonsh---, West Ham player (3)
 (28) Take five letters from DONCASTER to make a vast expanse of water. (5)

DOWN:—

- (1) Alan —; now back at Southampton. (4)
 (2) Raymond —; European Footballer of the Year, 1958. (4)
 (4) Brian —, Arsenal mid-field player. (6)
 (7) Players travelling to foreign countries might need somebody to do this for them. (9)
 (8) Everton manager. (6 & 3)
 (9) Steve —, Cambridge United midfield player (7)
 (10) Jim —, Leicester City player (7)
 (11) Obtain knowledge or skill. (5)
 (13) Steve —, Derby County midfield player. (5)
 (15) The day before. (3)
 (17) — Hartford, Scottish international. (3)
 (21) Supreme and wide dominion. (6)
 (25) Pat —; Watford defender. (4)
 (26) Jack —, Shrewsbury Town defender. (4)



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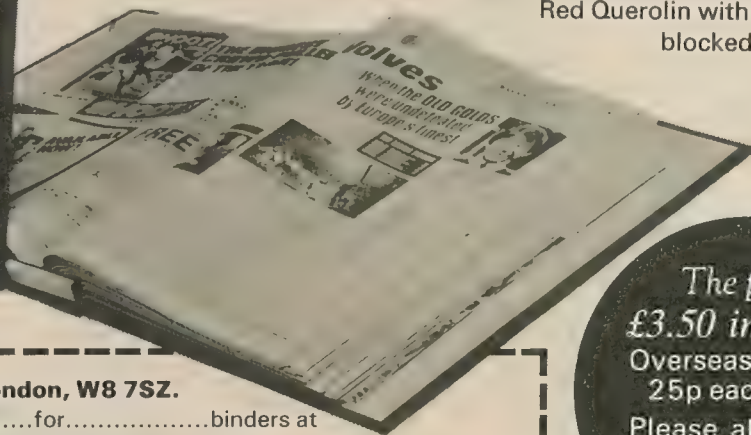


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CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Alan Seaman (left) and Ian Porterfield (right) in action for Rotherham United.

IT is a source of considerable comfort to Rotherham United's supporters that the man steering them at full sail for promotion to the Second Division is one of football's winners.

Ian Porterfield became a celebrated hero on Wearside when he scored the winning goal for Sunderland against Leeds United in the 1973 F.A. Cup Final.

Until that glorious moment which wrote Ian into the record books, he was merely a promising young player in a talented Sunderland team.

Serious injury threatened to curtail his career but, like most gifted 'winners' in life, Ian has shrugged off that disappointment to return as one of the League's brightest young managers.

Courage

He has masterminded the resurgence of Rotherham in just 13 months by applying the principle which governed his playing career — courage.

It was never more evident than when he breezed into Millmoor for the first time only to find the club shrouded in despondency.

"Everyone told me that the club was heading fast for the Fourth Division. We were in the bottom half of the Third and struggling," says Ian.

He bravely decided to discard nine players in an effort to build the squad he wanted.

"I don't take credit for that. Nobody likes getting rid of people, but they just weren't good enough. I want players whose commitment is total."

He sought a blend of experience, flair and selfless running power, and if Rotherham's rise has been



Tony Towner, described by Porterfield as one of his "flair" players, has missed 12 crucial matches after fracturing a foot; John Seaman and Richard Finney, a former England Youth international and regular contributor of goals in recent seasons, has only made ten appearances, and poor John Green, who came into the side in 1975-76 as a right-back but has converted to centre-half, has not played this season after suffering a serious knee injury.

He has been given a strict training schedule for the summer

Ian Porterfield — the Millmoor mastermind

overshadowed by Charlton's success this season, The Merry Millers are on the threshold of one of the most exciting passages in their history.

Ian Porterfield refuses to discuss promotion, choosing to take each game as it comes, and is more than a little concerned about the club's injury problems.

It is a tribute to the depth of talent in his squad of 26 players — one of the largest in the League — that Rotherham's unbeaten home record and gritty away displays have camouflaged the fact that they have operated without several key players this season.

months to prepare him for a return next season.

The Rotherham boss has been indebted to his assistant Barry Claxton, who was something of a "Man Friday" when Ian took charge.

"Barry has done a great job. He was promoted to caretaker-manager before I arrived after running all the teams from youth level upwards.

"He, like me, seeks honesty and dedication. The players have responded magnificently. My door is open to any player who wants to discuss a personal problem; otherwise we just get on with the job.

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"There are no player problems at the club. It's a refreshing place to work at, and there is a lot of ability in the side.

"I have spent only £250,000 on players since my arrival, peanuts by other people's standards. Our priority is to get out of this Division.

"The public are beginning to give us support again. Our average gate has doubled in 12 months to a regular 7,000."

With the glamour clubs visiting next season should Rotherham gain promotion, Porterfield hopes the gates will swell to a figure nearer the capacity fixed at 19,000.

Rotherham have occasionally threatened to make it to the Second Division in the past few years, never closer than at the end of the 1976-77 season when they finished fourth, missing out on promotion by just three goals, gaining 59 points along with Crystal Palace who were promoted.

The feeling in the camp is that the club who emerged in the football world known as Thornhill United in 1884 could make it this time, and if you like to fantasise, it is not beyond the realms of possibility that Ian Porterfield could set up a glorious centenary by driving them into the First just 11 years after his winning Wembley goal put the skids under Leeds United

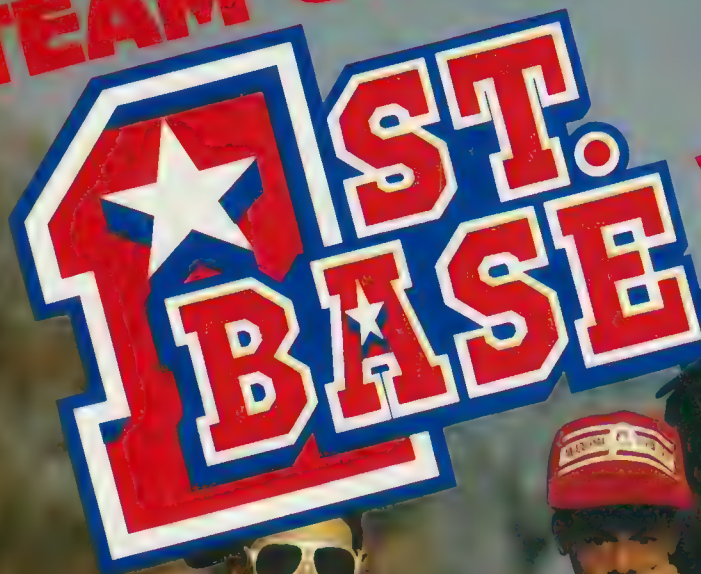
ROTHERHAM UTD.

BACK ROW (left to right): Ian Vaughan, Ken Tier, Ray Mountford, Graham Brown, Billy McEwen, Paul Standcliffe.
MIDDLE ROW: Barrie Claxton (physio), Rodney Fern, John Breckin, Mick Gooding, John Coope, Gerry Forrest, Mark Rhodes, Vic (retired).
FRONT ROW: Richard Dawson (now Doncaster), Steve Winn, Phil Henson, Ian Porterfield (manager), Richard Finney, Peter Carr, Ashley Taylor.



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CHELSEA launched football into the era of the match-day magazine on Christmas Day, 1948 when, for the First Division game against Portsmouth, they introduced a 16-page programme, entirely free from advertisements, at a cost of six (old) pence.

The 100 per cent increase, compared with the price of their previous programme, was strongly criticised in the sports columns of that time, but Chelsea's experiment proved an instant winner with their fans.

By the start of the following season, Arsenal had joined the sixpenny programme field, and now every First and Second Division club produces a magazine-type issue. So do nearly all clubs in the lower Divisions — despite high printing costs to set

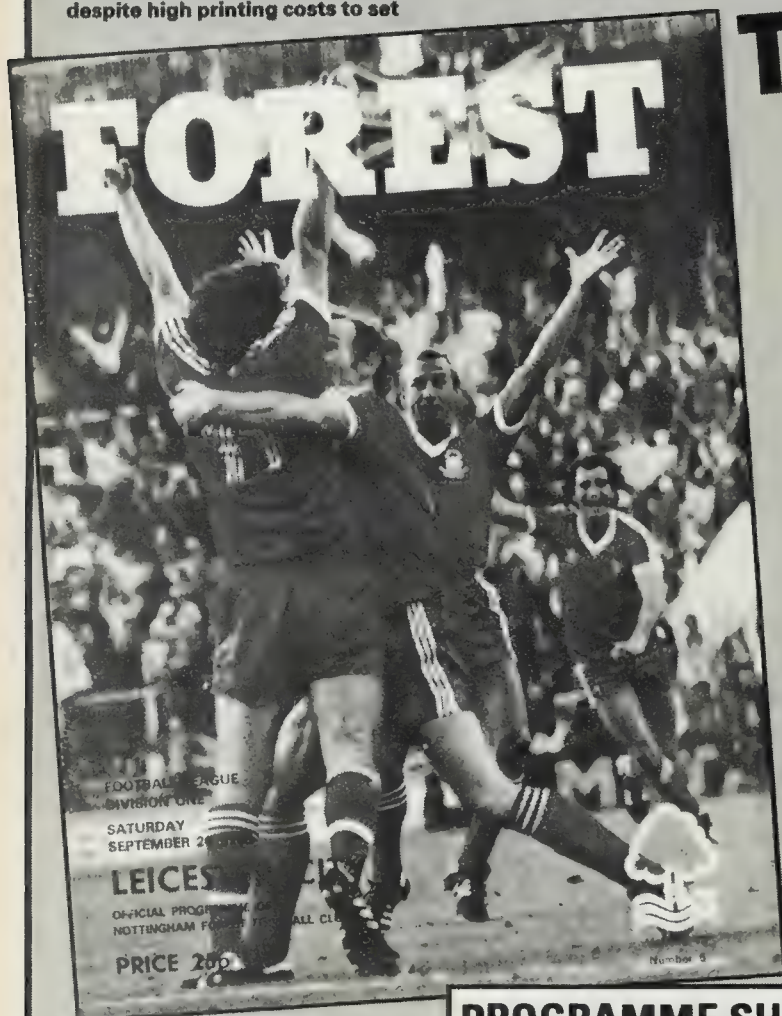
contain a lot of non-football material (features on motoring, the pop scene etc.) and are heavy with advertising.

Arsenal have won back some lost ground in the programme field by adding eight pages this season to give Highbury fans a much-improved read.

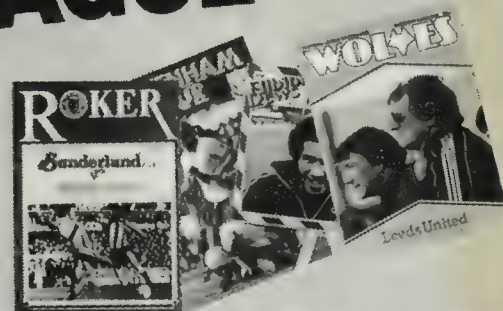
Like Villa, they refuse to accept outside advertising. In contrast, the programmes of Brighton and Southampton are totally



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against small sales revenue.

Our club-by-club First Division programme guide chart alongside shows that the most popular price is 30p, as charged by 17 clubs.

Aston Villa, who ask 35p for their 24-page issue, produce the most expensive programme in the First Division — a cover-price equalled by Chelsea, in Division Two.

Brighton, Everton and Nottingham Forest all charge 25p, while Manchester United prove that cheapest can still be best with an excellent 24-page programme, "United Review", priced 20p — little more than half what Villa supporters have to pay.

Seven clubs boost the "bulk" look of their programme by including supplements which

PROGRAMME SURVEY — DIV. 1 (ADS COLUMN DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE WHERE SUPPLEMENT USED OR CLUB'S OWN ADVERTISING)

CLUB	PRICE	PAGES	SUPP.	PAGES OF ADS.	OUTSTANDING FEATURES	SHOOT RATINGS		
						DESIGN	COLOUR	VALUE
ARSENAL	30p	24	—	0	Players series in colour	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
ASTON VILLA	35p	24	—	0	Off The Park — Villa Chat	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
BIRMINGHAM	30p	24	—	1	Personal File on their players	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
BRIGHTON	25p	28	—	12	Seagull News	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
COVENTRY	30p	20 + Supp.	YES	3½	Captain's Shorts	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
CRYSTAL PALACE	30p	24	—	2	Around & About — general article	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
EVERTON	25p	16	—	2½	Goodison Heroes	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
IPSWICH	30p	20 + Supp.	YES	5	Mick Mills Page	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
LEEDS	30p	28	—	5	Double-page colour picture of star	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
LEICESTER	30p	24	—	6	Guest Spot article	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
LIVERPOOL	30p	28	—	5	Excellent photographs	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
MAN. CITY	30p	24	—	1	Information Desk	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
MAN. UTD	20p	24	—	1	Behind The Scenes	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
MIDDLESBROUGH	30p	16 + Supp.	YES	3	Star Spot — player feature	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
NORWICH	30p	24	—	2	Search (old players of past)	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
FOREST	25p	24	—	4½	Red Stars Remembered	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
SOUTHAMPTON	30p	24 + Supp.	YES	8	On The Ball With Lawrie	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
STOKE CITY	30p	16 + Supp.	YES	1½	A-Z of Stoke	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
SUNDERLAND	30p	16 + Supp.	YES	3½	Visitors' Feature	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
SPURS	30p	28	—	6	Tottenham Topics	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
W.B.A.	30p	24	—	3½	Stars In Action	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
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unbalanced by a high proportion of "ads".

Seventeen First Division managers regularly have their say in club programmes. The majority produce "waffle" through ghost-writers, but at least two, Brian Clough (Nottingham Forest) and Lawrie McMenemy (Southampton) are prepared to "reveal" and put strong views on paper.

Liverpool's is the only top-club programme without full-scale colour. Typically, the only "other" colour used in the "Anfield Review" is red, and the programme content is so good that lack of four-colour presentation hardly detracts.

There is a puzzling, and growing, practice of un-numbered pages in modern First Division programmes — we wonder why — and most of them would benefit by including

more detail about reserve and youth team players who are, after all, the nucleus of tomorrow's first team stars.

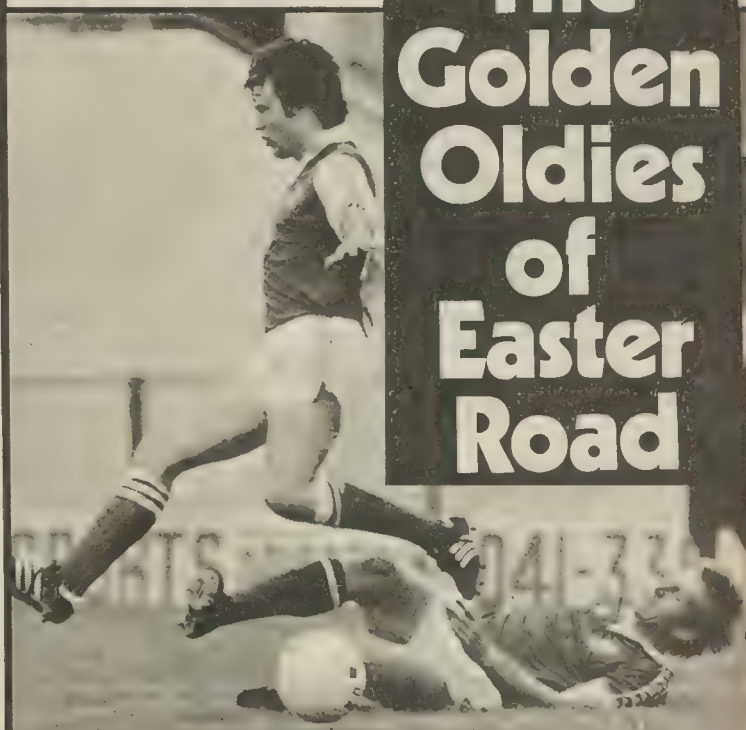
But, overall, the standard of programmes is high, and it is noticeable that those with the fewest gimmicks — Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal among them — give the best value for money.

When you are asked to pay up to 35p for a programme (older supporters still remember that as seven shillings in pre-decimal currency), value for money is the yardstick that really counts.

From the programmes reviewed, we rate those of Manchester United and Nottingham Forest the best value in the First Division.

And watch SHOOT for further programme surveys on the Second Division and the Scottish Premier Division.

Ally MacLeod rides a tackle from Raith Rovers defender David Urquhart.



The Golden Oldies of Easter Road

RALPH Callaghan, Ally MacLeod, John Connolly, Arthur Duncan and Jimmy Brown are five of the most experienced players in Scotland. Now they are known as the Golden Oldies of Easter Road.

These five players have taken long and varied routes to get to their present situation, and although their average age stands at around the 31 mark they stress that an exciting future lies in front of them!

Callaghan and Brown started their careers with Hearts and now find themselves playing with deadly Edinburgh rivals Hibs.

"I jumped at the chance of going to Easter Road when they came in for me a few years back," admits Callaghan.

'Obvious'

"I was with Newcastle at the time and it was fairly obvious that my face did not fit.

"The club had paid out something like £80,000 for me to take me from Hearts, but the St James' Park manager at the time, Richard Dinnis, didn't want to know me.

"I didn't have to be asked twice to come back to Edinburgh with Hibs. It's a decision I have never regretted."

Brown, on the other hand, had no such traumatic experience South of the border and joined Hibs after being freed by Hearts.

"I was surprised when Hibs made their move for me, and it was strange at first going to Easter Road rather than Tynecastle, but that's football," says the former Tynecastle skipper and inspiration.

Like Callaghan, Ally MacLeod and John Connolly had stints in English soccer that were hardly memorable.

MacLeod joined Southampton from St Mirren, but was never given the opportunity to establish himself in the attack. When Mike Channon arrived from Manchester

City he was soon packing his bags and returning to Scotland when Hibs' former manager Eddie Turnbull stepped in with a £40,000 bid.

Connolly went to Everton from St Johnstone for £80,000 and became a favourite of the Goodison Park fans with his mesmerising ball control and uncanny dribbling skills, but permanent first team football eluded him and he followed Callaghan to Newcastle.

"Things weren't working out for me down there," says Connolly. "I was in and out of the first team and couldn't get a settled run. I asked for a free transfer and, thankfully, the club agreed."

"Willie Ormond, my former boss at St Johnstone, had just taken over as manager of Hibs and asked if I was interested in going to Easter Road.

"I agreed terms, but it was just a pity that the club were already heading towards relegation. However, the potential of the club is there for all to see.

Arthur Duncan's sad claim to fame in recent years has been scoring a Scottish Cup winner... for opponents Rangers!

"That memory still haunts me," admits Arthur. "We were in extra-time of our third game at Hampden three seasons ago when I couldn't get out of the way of a hard cross from the wing and the ball cannoned off me into the net."

"That made it 3-2 for Rangers and gave them the Cup."

Duncan, though, refuses to dwell on the past. He earned full international caps for Scotland as a flying outside left and although he spends most of his time in defence these days, he still has an attacking approach to football.

Callaghan, MacLeod, Connolly, Duncan and Brown have had careers laden with remarkable, happy and not-so-happy memories. They aim to add to that collection in the future!



about your players.

"You can go out and stop anyone getting past you. It's been a while since I stopped playing, but I could go out there and make sure players didn't get past me.

"It's not the first time my players have been on the receiving end of such play, but at the end of the day it didn't work, did it?"

Bobby Watson, who had more than a few physical battles with counterpart McNeill when both were players with the Old Firm, said at the start of the season that the main thing for his team was to consolidate their position in the Top Ten.

He also said his team might shock a few of his opponents. No



Airdrie manager Bobby Watson (far left) was left with mixed emotions when a proposed £160,000 bid from Partick Thistle for striker Sandy Clark (left, white) fell through.

FRIENDLY little Airdrie have snarled like angry tigers in their first season in the Scottish Premier Division.

Anyone who thought the part-time Broomfielders were going to be pushovers have been left in no doubt that Bobby Watson's men mean business when they step out on to the football field.

A lot of unkind things have been said about Watson's Warriors. Celtic manager Billy McNeill could hardly contain his anger after the League match when his side scraped a 2-1 victory and where Airdrie's Jim March had been ordered off, and his colleagues Harry Irwin and Jim Rodger booked. Danny McGrain was also cautioned in a volcano of a game.

A grim-faced McNeill said: "That game was not about playing football... it was all about worrying

ANGRY AIRDRIE

one is arguing with that! They are being nicknamed 'The Rough Diamonds' and already this season they have drawn with Rangers (twice) and Aberdeen at tight, little Broomfield while gaining a draw at Parkhead against Celtic.

"We play to our strengths," says Watson, who, away from football, is a church-going man who preaches a sermon or two.

"At the start of the season everyone thought we would be relegation certainties. I didn't agree then and said we could do a job in this Division.

"I didn't see the point in us coming up to go straight back down again. That is no use to anyone."

Watson has spent well in the transfer market this term in buying George Anderson, Pat McCluskey and John Flood. They were all purchased for nominal fees and have done superb jobs for the club.

"We don't have a lot of money so I must be careful," says Watson. "Every penny is a prisoner. We can't lash cash around like other clubs."

At one stage it looked as though the Broomfield bank balance was going to get a massive cash injection when Partick Thistle were

ready to move in with a £160,000 bid for skipper and striker Sandy Clark.

"I didn't want to lose the boy, but at the same time, I didn't want to stand in his way," says Watson. "I thought the deal was all set up, but for some unknown reason, Thistle withdrew at the last minute and the player was left disappointed. Still, he is a valuable player for any team to have leading their front line."

Airdrie, then, have been in the news in more ways than one this term. It's a welcome change from the days when Broomfield was known as Gloomfield.

Their rugged, up-and-at-'em, no-nonsense approach might have unsettled some teams, but Airdrie have grown up fast among the big boys. They aim to take it from there.

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comers have a lot to live up to.

Where Shilts and I have had to accept being compared with Gordon Banks — the master who helped England win the World Cup in 1966 — they'll have us held up as examples.

I disagree with Leicester 'keeper Mark Wallington's statement in a recent edition of a Sunday newspaper that we are lacking in suitable successors.

Looking round the First Division alone, I can pick out several men, apart from those already in the international running, who possess outstanding qualifications.

First to present himself is Paul Cooper, who has made a major contribution to what must become Ipswich's glorious season. He more than compensates for what in a lesser man would be a handicap: lack of height.

And his record of saving penalties is truly remarkable. His presence has added to the confidence of a very solid back-four.

Then there's Jimmy Rimmer, something of a "veteran" like me, whose skill, enthusiasm and experi-

pool's second League game with Nottingham Forest. In the first, at Anfield, Forest held us to a goalless draw, employing their usual tactic of sitting back and soaking up pressure.

I take my hat off in admiration to manager Brian Clough for once again pulling off a remarkable feat. That of rebuilding in mid-season a side that had twice won the European Cup and the League Cup, plus a Championship, but had dropped out of contention for every honour, except the F.A. Cup, by Christmas.

It was a decision requiring nerve and perception. Gone are Ian Bowyer, Martin O'Neill and Larry Lloyd, and in have come youngsters like Bryn Gunn, Colin Walsh, Gary Mills and Stuart Gray as regulars.

They did well to take Ipswich Town, my favourites for the F.A. Cup, to a replay in the Quarter-Finals of the competition.

Ipswich now play Manchester City, who as I predicted, knocked out Everton in a replay after drawing with them at Goodison Park.

Following that win, City suffered a couple of defeats, and I hear

'JOHN HAS A LOT TO LEARN'

JOHN who? That question must have been on the lips of many surprised fans when England manager Ron Greenwood drafted into our squad for the Spain game a young, virtual "international unknown" as my understudy.

Because Peter Shilton was stricken with flu, Joe Corrigan and Gary Bailey were to fly to Spain for the 'B' team game, and Phil Parkes had made it clear he saw no future for himself with England, the boss decided to call up John Lukic, 'keeper with Leeds United, a club struggling to reform itself into a force again.

But it came as no surprise to me. On the evidence of his displays against Liverpool and TV games I've seen, John would have been my first choice in the circumstances.

His credentials are impressive. In something like 70 games he has kept a clean sheet around 30 times — not bad for a lad still eligible to play for the Under-21's.

John's physique is ideal. He's six feet, four inches in height, which means he can reach high balls with ease; and at only just over 13 stone has the agility to cope with ground shots.

But having shared a room with him for the Spain match at Wembley, what struck me most about him was his attitude. He's level-headed,



Ray Clemence
TALKING SOCCER

and full of common sense.

He realises he's still got a lot to learn, especially from his own mistakes. He's not the sort to blame others for errors that should rest on his shoulders.

And he's a hard worker, applying himself 100 per cent in the England training sessions.

Whereas the England party is far from being a closed shop — Ron Greenwood likens it to a family — it takes time for the "regulars" to adjust to a new face. Realising this, John did not push himself, gradually getting to know everybody and how things are done.

The boss is aware he must look to the future, to the time when Shilts and I have faded into the background, and the England jersey is worn by players now putting themselves up for consideration.

Our country has always prided itself on a tradition of breeding outstanding 'keepers, so the new-

ence has been a big influence on the youngsters of Aston Villa.

Tony Godden, 'keeper at another thrusting Midlands club, West Bromwich Albion, has also been a tower of strength, according to my England team-mate Bryan Robson, having a fine season in which he has made several out-of-this world saves.

If Mark Wallington truly believes there's a lack of up-coming talent, then he should devote himself to making a big bid for international selection in the future.

First choice

Mark is a great fan of Peter Shilton, whom he understudied at Leicester before Peter's move to Stoke in 1974, and he is of the opinion he has the edge over me and should be first choice as England 'keeper.

Obviously, Ron Greenwood will cease to alternate us before the World Cup Finals in 1982, for which hopefully we should qualify, and I've got my fingers crossed I get possession of the jersey.

But Peter and I are the best of mates, there's never any ill feeling or jealousy, and whichever is selected the other will be the first to congratulate him.

This Saturday we'll be at opposite ends of the City Ground for Liver-

pool saying they were saving themselves for the Cup.

I refuse to believe such a shrewd manager as John Bond would follow such a dangerous policy. He must surely know the best preparation for a Cup game is a winning streak to boost confidence and demoralise the opposition.

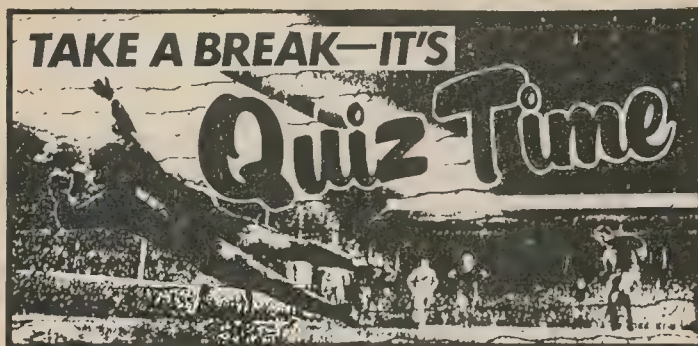
Although it's risky forecasting the result of a one-off game, I can't see Ipswich losing. They have the hallmark of a great side: the ability to score from any position.

Who will meet the Suffolk side in the Final, Spurs or Wolves?

My choice is Spurs, a side with so much attacking potential, and spearheaded by Steve Archibald, who has disproved critics who doubted whether he could make the transition from Scottish to England football, and Garth Crooks, the signing from Stoke who superbly complements Steve.

Join me next week when I'll be talking about my future at Liverpool and the League Cup Final replay.

Ray Clemence



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

JUMBLED CAPTAINS

Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the names of some of the captains in the Football League and their clubs.

1. NNSDEIORREMMIT (TSNAOLLVAI)
2. LIPHPNMOOHS (OOLILEPVR)
3. KMCILLISM (CSPHIW)
4. VSEETRRNMPYEA (TTTMEOHAN)
5. TMNIRAHNUACB (NCARTEESHMIDUENT)
6. JNHOLWEI (SWTEMBRO)
7. YBLLISNBOD (STEWMAH)
8. KEMIYNLOS (VTEERON)
9. KARMLLDANIGWTN (ITEECRSL)
10. UALPPRWEO (NTRAESMHECCYIT)

PICTURE PUZZLE

Study the action photograph (right), taken during a Crystal Palace against Leicester City game this season, and see if you can answer the following questions.

1. Can you identify the Palace player in the light strip?
2. And the Leicester star on the right?
3. Palace won this relegation battle at Selhurst Park 2-1, 3-2 or 4-3?
4. Did Clive Allen, Vince Hilaire or Neil Smillie score the winning goal from the penalty-spot?
5. Was Terry Venables in charge of Palace at the time?

TRUE or FALSE?

1. Fulham manager Malcolm Macdonald (right) was named Bell's Manager of the Month for the Third Division in February.
2. Scottish Premier Division club Airdrie play their home games at Broomfield.
3. Coventry City's Roger Van Gool is a full international player for Holland.
4. Howard Kendall is the 15th manager that Second Division Blackburn Rovers have had since the last War.

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TRACE A TEAM

The names of 12 past or present Orient players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. How many can you find?

INTERNATIONALS

England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland were involved in friendly and World Cup-ties recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the games.

1. England entertained Spain at Wembley in a friendly. The Spaniards upset the odds and won 2-1. Was it Ron Greenwood's first, second or third defeat at Wembley since he took over three years ago?
2. Scotland and Northern Ireland met at Hampden in a World Cup qualifying game. Did Scotland's John Wark (below) open the scoring or did he equalise?



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ANSWERS

JUMBLED CAPTAINS: 1. Dennis Mortimer (Aston Villa), 2. Phil Thompson (Liverpool), 3. Mick Mills (Ipswich), 4. Steve Perryman (Tottenham), 5. Martin Buchan (Manchester United), 6. John Wile (West Brom), 7. Billy Bonds (West Ham), 8. Mike Lyons (Everton), 9. Mark Wallington (Leicester), 10. Paul Power (Manchester City). TRUE OR FALSE: 1. True, 2. True, 3. False — he is a Belgian international, 4. True, INTERNATIONALS: 1. First, 2. Equalised, 3. Carl Harris, 4. Second-half, PICTURE PUZZLE: 1. Ian Walsh, 2. Larry May, 3. 2-1, 4. Allen, 5. No — Ernie Valley was in charge. TRACE-A-TEAM: Day, Ratner, Bennett, Roffey, Went, Coates. Margerison, Mayo, Whittle, Gray, Moores, Jennings.

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (3) Caton, (5) Lap, (6) Village, (12) Pittodrie, (14) Veer, (16) Lamp, (18) Aviary, (19) Course, (20) Greg, (22) Oars (second letters), (23) Gary Mills, (24) Striker, (27) Ire, (28) Ocean.

DOWN:— (1) Ball, (2) Kopa, (4) Talbot, (7) Interpret, (8) Gordon Lee, (9) Spriggs, (10) Melrose, (11) Learn, (13) Emery, (15) Eve, (17) Asa, (21) Empire, (25) Rice, (26) Keay.

3. Wales maintained their 100 per cent record when they beat Turkey 1-0 in Ankara. Who was their goalscorer?

4. The Republic of Ireland suffered a 1-0 defeat in their group. Did Belgium's Ceulemans score the winner in the first or second-half?

PETER Nicholas has the world at his feet. His transfer deadline £400,000 move from stricken Crystal Palace to Arsenal — where the word relegation is not in the Highbury dictionary — has turned his career inside out.

"I'm thrilled by what lies ahead," he says. "My life is motivated by the challenge of winning something ... and all I got at Palace apart from some very happy times was a Second Division Championship medal.

"Don't think I'm being ungrateful to the club that took me from schoolboy football in Newport to an international, but the contrast is plain to see. Every season, Arsenal seem to be in for a Cup or a Championship — and their record from generation to generation proves they don't miss much!

"There is just one thing that I'm

not too happy about. When I signed, people started talking about me as a straight midfield replacement for Liam Brady. The short answer is that I'm not.

"From a purely factual point of view, Arsenal had been without Liam for nine months before I arrived. Our styles are in contrast too. We play the game in completely different ways."

There cannot be much dispute about that. Mercurial Irishman Brady is a supreme 'touch' player: hard-running Welshman Nicholas launches swashbuckling attacks.

Each in his own way, however, is a crowd-pleaser. Nicholas possesses a deft, creative skill which perhaps only followers of Welsh football have seen in full flow. The 21-year-old superbly fit Nicholas had so many responsibilities at Palace that he had few opportunities to allow his ability on a free reign.

In the Welsh jersey, however, his midfield purpose is becoming as critical as the influence of Terry Yorath — whom he is rated as a certainty to succeed as skipper. In partnership with men like Yorath and Brian Flynn, he has displayed brilliant control, floating and flighting the ball with a delicate finesse.

He can also play at right-back, where both current Wales manager Mike England and former

always feel for somewhere special. I have joined one of the great clubs of the world with a tradition of success that is matched by very few."

"I suppose Arsenal have had a disappointing season by their own standards, but it is only a temporary setback. We'll soon recover."

Now that he is part of that club and a player with a huge price tag, will he drop a gear from that driving, demanding style and fiercely competitive temperament? "Not a chance! I'm always going to be myself.

"Fitting in at Arsenal in that sense is going to be the least of my worries. You cannot do any better than your best — Terry Neill and Don Howe will always get that from me.

"I will get on with the job and accept that there is pressure on me: Arsenal being Arsenal where people expect so much that is inevitable. With a challenge for

'I'm not another Brady' says PETER NICHOLAS

boss Mike Smith have selected him. "I much prefer playing midfield with its greater freedom and chance to use every area of the pitch," says Nicholas. "When it comes to Wales, however, I'm just happy to be there!"

Amid equals at Arsenal like Brian Talbot and Graham Rix — as with Wales — the qualities of Nicholas will swiftly come to their peak. "I am very excited about it and very happy to be there," he confirms.

"Every time that I've played at Highbury, there has been that certain sense of excitement that you

places, too, against Brian Talbot, Graham Rix and John Hollins, you can never sit back and reckon on a place ... not that this has ever been my attitude anyway!"

The value of Nicholas was stressed by the way that manager Dario Gradi stood firm right to the deadline. Although Nicholas wanted a move, Palace's new manager always insisted that he would be the one player who could not leave Selhurst Park.

Survival

"I've no complaints at all about the way that Dario treated me. He was very fair from first to last," responds Nicholas, who was finally allowed to leave once First Division survival became an obvious impossibility.

"In fact the only time I became depressed at the club was during the Terry Venables-Ernie Walley-Malcolm Allison-Dario Gradi managership chain of events. No one seemed to know where we were going and what was happening.

"It means everything to me that I'm staying as a First Division player. To be honest, all season I've had that tinge of envy looking at our position at the bottom and that of clubs like Arsenal and Tottenham.

"It means so much, especially among supporters, to be top club in London. It is professionally stimulating to know that Arsenal see me as a player who can help make them that ... and not only in London but a lot further afield as well!"

Liam Brady, the former idol of Highbury who left Arsenal for Juventus last summer.



WEST Bromwich Albion are poised for a major assault on football's top honours... with the youngest squad of players in the country.

Seven of the stars who wear the famous blue-and-white stripes have earned England Under-21 honours in the past two years — Bryan Robson, Peter Barnes, Cyrille Regis, Derek Statham, Gary Owen, Remi Moses and John Deehan.

And manager Ron Atkinson — the man who has moulded Albion into one of the best sides in the business — forecasts that more will be added to that astonishing list.

Top of the pile of up-and-coming prospects is 19-year-old central defender Martyn Bennett — who has made the first team number six shirt his own property this season.

And when you consider he is keeping out a seasoned campaigner like Ally Robertson it speaks volumes for his ability.

Bennett got in the side when Robertson was forced out through

list of Under 21 caps.

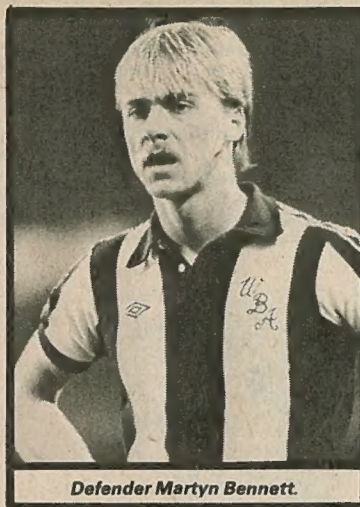
"Moses, too, has done a marvellous job for me. I brought him just over a year ago, when things were not going too well for us, and always say he led us out of the wilderness!

"Although you can never expect too much from a kid coming into a side not at their best he added the bite and tenacity we needed in the middle of the field.

"And waiting in the wings for their big chance to come are others like 'keeper Mark Grew, Ian Benjamin, Derek Monaghan and Tony Lowrie, a 19-year-old mid-field man I have just snapped up from non-League football.

"Another to come out of non-League soccer and do well when we needed him is full-back Barry Cowdrill.

"He had the difficult job of tak-



Defender Martyn Bennett.

Tony Brown — a marvellous professional.

"He'll be off to the States again soon. And although he does not really figure in my first team plans I'll take him on for another season when he comes back next September.

"He seems to have been around The Hawthorns as long as the grandstand, but still has a lot to offer. He's a great influence on everyone else, makes a lively contribution to everything and keeps all the kids on their toes. What a character!

"The future of West Bromwich Albion must be bright, for we have surely got the best crop of youngsters of any club in the country.

"But although they are young in years, they are veterans in experience. Apart from all those Under 21 caps, Barnes and Robson have played for the full England side and Batson has been honoured by the 'B' team.

"They have all done it at international level, and for Albion both in the First Division and in Europe. No wonder I'm looking to the

**Bennett...Moses...
Robson...**

ATKINSON'S YOUNG ANGELS

suspension and has done so well there is no way Atkinson can leave him out.

"To be quite honest I thought it would be a temporary thing when we had to call on Martyn to take over from Robertson," says Atkinson.

"I knew he had the ability to stake a claim — but the way he has gone about it has been a revelation.

"He settled down right from the word go and has done so well for me I could not even consider recalling Ally.

"Martyn gets better and better with every game and it is surely only a question of time before his name is added to our impressive

ing over from the injured Derek Statham and did so well we did not suffer in any way.

"But with the way things are going it seems these lads are going to have to be patient for a while yet. For the side is playing well, settled and basically young.

"Apart from the ones we have already spoken about we have a 'keeper in Tony Godden who is only 24, a right-back in Brendan Batson, who is 27 and on the verge

of the full England side.

"There's a few years in Brendan yet. I bought him from Cambridge for £30,000 soon after I came here three years ago and I really fancy him to make an impact.

"That leaves only skipper John Wile as the real veteran of the side. He's 33 — and despite years of loyal service to the club is playing as well as ever.

"And we have the real daddy of them all around the place. That's

future with anticipation."

With a crop of players like that and a manager in Ron Atkinson burning for success — and with the ability to provide it — it looks like good times are ahead for all Albion followers.



Bryan Robson stops Tottenham's Steve Archibald during their League clash at White Hart Lane this season.

Coppell likes his roving mission

STEVE Coppell has appeared as an out-and-out winger, winger-cum-midfielder, an orthodox mid-field man, centre-forward and full-back for Manchester United this season. And he has relished every minute of the action in his various roles.

"Playing in more than one position is good for me," says the England international. "It prevents me becoming stale or getting into a rut — my mind is kept active to deal with different situations."

The reason for Coppell's

switches in the line-up stems from the fact that Manchester United have been plagued with injuries in recent months. And Steve has proved his versatility by the way he has responded to the demands made upon him.

He says: "A different spot in the team means a new challenge, and I do my best to adapt wherever I'm chosen to play. I now know all the problems facing an attacker and a defender — and for me, the toughest role is that of a winger."

"On the wing, there are spells

when you are isolated and out of the game. Then you receive the ball, and think you have to do something extra special to make up for the inactivity.

"Unfortunately, this can backfire on you. In trying to do too much, you can lose possession, which doesn't go down well with the fans — you realise you might have done better if you hadn't tried so hard.

"Centre-forward, too, is a position not easy to fill, as I've discovered when replacing Joe Jordan. As a spearhead, you are tightly marked, do a lot of chasing and take your share of knocks — it can be a thankless job.

"In contrast, my brief spell at full-back gave me an insight into how defenders feel when facing oncoming forwards, but overall, midfield is the place where you are more involved with the play. The ball is in that area for a good part of a match, and if you aren't running with it, you are moving into a spot to receive it, or tackling someone."

Satisfied

But while Coppell has been happy to do his best in whatever role the club has assigned to him, he is less satisfied with Manchester United's current form.

"All we have left to play for is our pride because we know we are a good side. Any team can be knocked out of its stride by injuries — and though I dislike making excuses, we've had Martin Buchan, Gordon McQueen, Ray Wilkins and Joe Jordan out for lengthy spells.

"These men form the back-bone of United, their positions run right through the middle of the side, from defence to attack. Having them laid up made the tasks of replacements difficult — even though we've a strong playing pool.

"Now we are determined to pick up as many points as possible, and get as close as we can to the leaders."

Of the two leading clubs in Division One, Ipswich and Aston Villa, it is Ipswich who Steve fancies to win the Championship.

"Town get my vote because they are not only a top-class side — they also have more potential goalscorers in their line-up, including players such as Paul Mariner, John Wark, Alan Brazil and Eric Gates," he says.

"Villa, although they will put up a fight for the title, are not quite so well equipped, relying for most of their goals on Gary Shaw, Peter Withe and Tony Morley.

"It's most important to me, though, for Manchester United to find the net regularly, and hopefully, to finish the season in style."

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Steve Foster

BRIGHTON

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BIRTHPLACE: Portsmouth
BIRTHDATE: September 24, 1957
HEIGHT: 6ft 2ins
WEIGHT: 13st 6lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Portsmouth
MARRIED: No
CAR: Alfa Romeo 'Sprint'
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Sun
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Aston Villa's Peter Withe
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Gary Stevens
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Portsmouth
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: George Best and Eoin Hand
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Golf
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Peter Withe
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Can't remember!
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being relegated twice at Pompey
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Manchester United
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Spaghetti and wine
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Winning/Losing — especially money
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Miami
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Bobby Ball and Pamela Stephenson
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Shooting pool for money
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Paul McCartney, George Benson, Dennis Waterman
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Half of lager and a game of cards
BEST FRIENDS: Joanne, Kim and Sadie
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Portsmouth manager Frank Burrows — he's the reason I'm playing in the First Division
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Under 21 cap
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play for England
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Solicitor
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The person who dented my car recently

Steve Foster

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